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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The New Mission

IT is pleasing to note that Mr. Foster Dulles, who as the new American Secretary of State has one of the most responsible jobs in the world today, is not content to stay at home and rely solely on diplomatic reports and State Department intelligence for his information on conditions outside of the United States. He proposes now to follow up his recent visit to West Europe with a fact-finding tour of the Near East and Southeast Asia. It is a sensible decision and one which, there can be little doubt, will be profitable to himself and the Eisenhower Administration. Mr. Dulles has a wide, varied and important field to investigate and he will be welcome in whatever countries he feels he should visit. The problems of the Near East and Southeast Asia, while dissimilar in characteristics, have this in common — they seriously affect the future strength of the free world. It is probable that upmost in Mr. Dulles' mind is the question of the establishment in concrete form of a Middle East defence alliance. Irrevocably tied up with this scheme is a satisfactory solution to the Anglo-Egyptian dispute concerning the Suez Canal Zone, and a composing of Israeli-Jordan relations. If, by an on-the-spot investigation Mr. Dulles can espouse a formula for a settlement of these problems which can also pave the way for consolidation of the free world's defences in the Middle East, the journey and the time he spends on his mission will be amply repaid.

MR Dulles has not yet indicated his full itinerary for Southeast Asia, but it may be assumed that he will take in Indo-China, Malaya, Burma, probably Indonesia, and possibly the Philippines. It can be a very fruitful field for the enquiring mind. Since the Eisenhower Administration became effective it has been noticeable that Washington has placed new and increasing emphasis on the key role which Indo-China is bound to play in the future stability or otherwise of Southeast Asia. It will be for the Secretary of State to decide for himself after a personal study of the situation to what extent and in what direction American aid can best be applied for the eventual defeat of the Vietnamese Communist armies and the subsequent economic stabilisation of the country. The indications are that at the present, with their limited resources, the magnitude of the task is rather too much for the French and Vietnamese. Some sort of assistance is needed, and with other friends in the free world deeply committed to defence programmes and other obligations taxing them to their capacity, the United States remains the only nation able to proffer aid to the measure needed. This is not to suggest that Mr. Dulles will allow himself to be bludgeoned by appeals based on emotionalism and opportunism. He has a clear directive from President Eisenhower to find out for himself what is the situation in the various trouble spots in the Middle East, Near East and Southeast Asia. In due course Mr. Eisenhower will request Mr. Dulles' considered judgment based on first-hand knowledge, and it is just this which makes his forthcoming mission of such vital importance to the free world.

MIG-15s SHOOT DOWN US JET

PLANE OVER GERMANY

Pilot Safely Bales Out

STRONG PROTEST SENT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Wiesbaden, Mar. 10.

The US Air Force announced tonight that two Soviet-made MIG-15s, flying from Czechoslovakia, today shot down an American F-84 jet fighter 15 miles inside the US zone of Germany. The United States ordered "the strongest possible protest" sent to Communist-ruled Czechoslovakia.

The Air Force said the Soviet-made jet fighters, of a type used in Korea by the Communist forces, made the attack in clear weather near Regensburg, Bavaria. The pilot, Lieutenant Warran Brown, baled out and escaped injuries as his plane crashed.

The MIGs appeared at 12,000 feet and made a firing pass at Brown's plane and another F-84 flown by Lieutenant Donald C. Smith, the Air Force said. One MIG made a hit on the wing tank and stabiliser of Brown's plane, causing it to crash seconds after he baled out.

The Soviet-made fighters disappeared, presumably in the direction of Czechoslovakia, and pilot Smith returned safely to base.

In Washington the State Department said US Ambassador George Wadsworth had been instructed to protest strongly to the Prague government headed by Klement Gottwald.

Washington officials said the MIGs bore markings of the Czech Air Force. The area where the attack occurred was near the border between Czechoslovakia and the US occupation zone of Germany. "The weather was perfectly clear," said Major-General Truman R. Landon, Deputy Commander in charge of US Air Forces in Europe. "Interrogation of both pilots and the location of the crashed jet (Brown's) leave no doubt that the MIGs were at least 15 miles inside the US zone of Germany when they opened fire."

The Air Force said the investigation is continuing and the case is being referred to the US High Commission for Germany, headed by James Bryant Conant.

FIRST CASE
This was the first case in history of American military planes being attacked by Communist planes over the US zone.

The two American jets were from Fuesenfeldbruck Air Base. Smith flew back there without firing a shot from his own guns.

The US Air Force forwarded a protest to the US High Commission for Germany, headed by the former Harvard President James Bryant Conant.

"This is a grave incident," Conant said. "It involves a gross violation of the US zone border by a satellite or Soviet aircraft. It involves the wanton shooting down of American aircraft well inside the US zone of Germany."

"The US government has been informed of this outrage and I expect that appropriate action will be taken. I am confident that the US Air Force in Germany will know how to deal with any future incursions of this type."

Bavarian State Police saw Brown's F-84 crash at Falkenstein, a lonely village of 2,000 in the woods between Regensburg and the Czech frontier. They gave Brown first aid. The police said he landed in a tree and suffered only scratches.

Brown's jet fighter smashed deep into the earth and burned for more than an hour its ammunition exploded.

The Air Force in Washington said Lieutenant Brown's home is in Henderson, Colorado. Lieutenant Smith lives in Marysville, Ohio. Associated Press.

TAKE SERIOUS VIEW
The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, said today that the United States took a "serious view" of the shooting down of an American jet fighter in Western Germany by Russian-made jet planes.

Mr. Dulles made the statement as he stopped from the United States Air Force plane at National Airport on his return from the United Nations in New York.

The State Department earlier announced that the United

States Ambassador in Prague, Mr. George Wadsworth, had been instructed to deliver the "strongest possible protest" to Czechoslovakia over the attack by Russian-built fighters on two United States jet planes.

Asked by reporters if he had any comment on the plane incident, Mr. Dulles said: "We take a serious view of the situation and have instructed our Ambassador in Prague to make the strongest possible representations."

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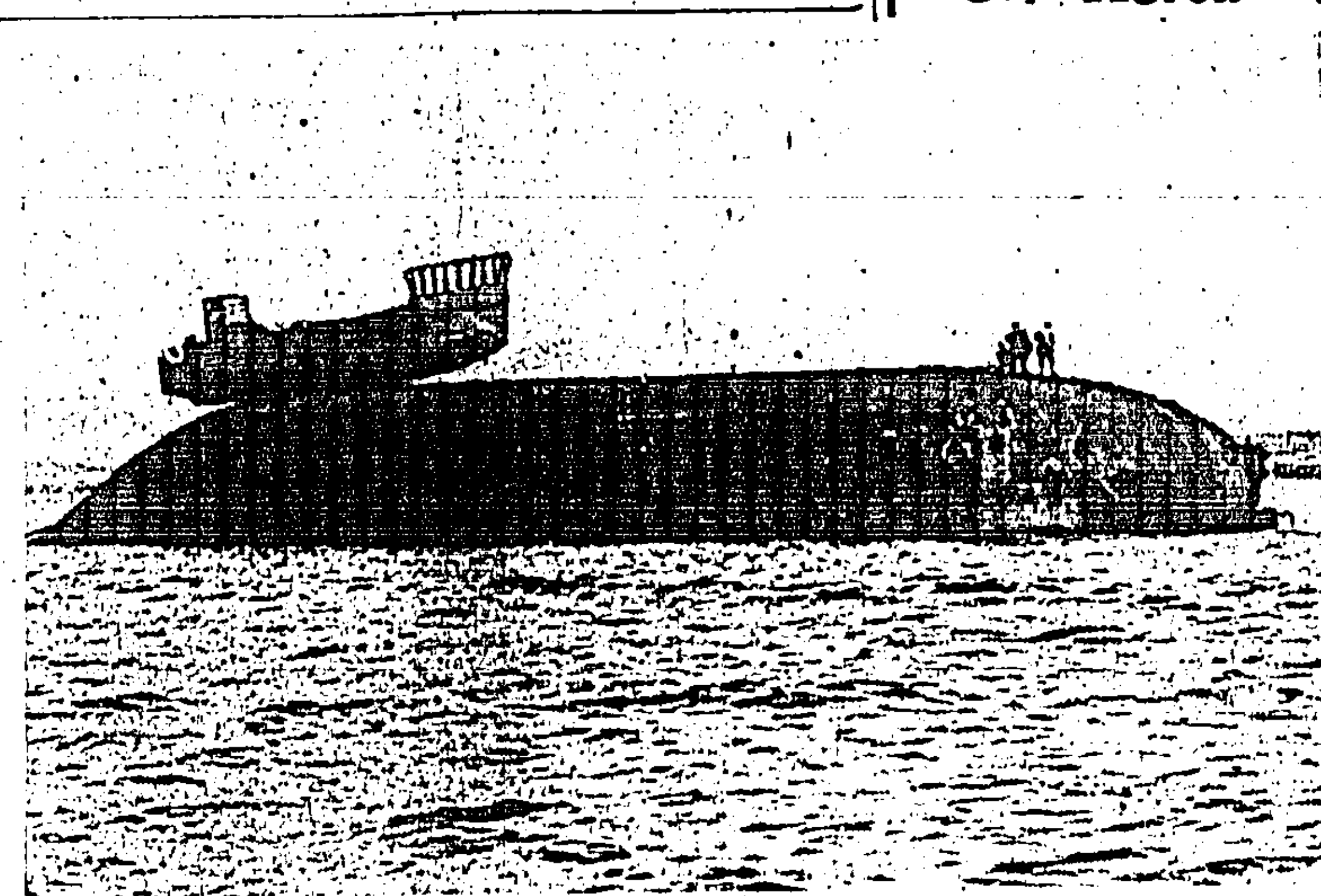
The Department also instructed the Ambassador to protest against the planes' violation of the Western Zone of occupied Germany. The instructions were sent to Mr. Wadsworth at noon by the Department following preliminary reports on the incident.

"As soon as preliminary reports were received here, Ambassador George Wadsworth at Prague was instructed to lodge the strongest possible protest against the attack on United States planes and violation of the Western Zone of Germany," a State Department spokesman told reporters.

It was understood the Russian-built fighters bore Czech insignia. American officials attached great importance to the incident but the government apparently had no information immediately which might indicate the attack was planned by the Soviets.

There have been several incidents in which Soviet aircraft have shot down US planes. In 1950 a US Navy Privateer was shot down in the Baltic by Russian planes. The State Department demanded an apology and punishment of the Red fighter pilots.

But the Kremlin decorated them instead, as a "reward" for their protection of Soviet territory. (Contd. on back page, col. 3)



Peking's Tough Terms For Repatriation Of Japanese

Tokyo, March 10.

A 13-man repatriation team returned to Japan from Red China tonight and gave the Japanese Foreign Office details of the tough agreement Red China hammered out for the return of some 30,000 Japanese still stranded in China.

The repatriation team was made up of representatives of two leftist organisations and the Japan Red Cross. The makeup of the team was dictated by China.

The team arrived by plane from Hongkong tonight.

The leader of the delegation, Japan Red Cross leader, Tadatsugu Shimazu told news-men after his meeting with Foreign Office officials that Red China refused to allow representatives of the Japanese Government on ships that will carry the repatriates home.

Shimazu said the Japanese Government must accept this condition "or there will not be any repatriation."

Shimazu said his group met with Red China delegates for more than a month to iron out details of the return of the Japanese still in Red China.

The Reds laid down tough conditions. They demanded Japanese repatriation ships be stripped of radar and gave strict sailing procedures.

If the Japanese Government accepted the plan the first ship will arrive at Shanghai before March 20 and will take about 3,000 Japanese home. The Reds have refused the Japanese Government permission to screen the repatriates to guard against Red sympathisers being slipped in or even to furnish passenger lists.

The Reds first popped the repatriation offer early this year when they first offered to return the 30,000 Japanese in China. (The Foreign Office has maintained closer to 50,000 Japanese were left in China after the war.)

Communists refused to deal directly with the Japanese Government however, and instead listed the two leftist groups and the Red Cross as

Man's Tragic Action

London, Mar. 10.

James Whitmill, 50, driven by a motive that may never be determined, was burned to death today when he climbed back into his blazing car, from which he had already escaped.

Mr. Catton, a passer-by, said he saw Whitmill, his clothing alight, fall from a parked car. Catton smothered the flames with his coat.

He said: "I didn't think he had the strength to get to his feet but he pushed me out of the way and went back to the car and climbed in."

By this time the car was blazing and the heat was too intense to effect a rescue. When firemen arrived and put out the fire Whitmill was slumped behind the charred wheel, dead.

He was a married man with three children.—Reuter.

Rebels Flee To Mountains

Teheran, Mar. 10.

Persian Army and Air Force units today struck at the rebellious South Persian Bakhtiari tribe, latest reports reaching here said.

The tribal leader, Abolghasem Bakhtiari, appeared to have taken to the mountains for safety.

The government, which fought his horsemen and armed guards in clashes last month, last night announced it would take drastic action against the rebels.

Abolghasem has been accused of exploiting local peasants. Last month's clashes involved troops sent to help them against his exactions.—Reuter.

COMMUNIST AIR LOSSES

Washington, Mar. 10.

The United States Air Force claimed today that Communist air losses since the start of the Korean war were 1,788 planes, of which 780 were destroyed, 140 probably destroyed and 868 damaged.

Total United Nations losses were estimated at 891.—Reuter.

EGYPT WILL DEMAND

Unconditional Evacuation Of The Canal Zone

Cairo, Mar. 10.

Egypt is to demand the "unconditional evacuation of British troops from the Suez Canal Zone within six months" it was learned authoritatively here tonight.

This disclosure came a few hours after General Mohamed Naguib, Egyptian Prime Minister, had accused the British Administration in the Sudan of reverting to "old colonial methods" when "the ink was hardly dried" on the Anglo-Egyptian Agreement on this other territory in dispute between Britain and Egypt.

Authoritative circles said Egypt would present Britain with a firmly worded note demanding evacuation and laying down a timetable for withdrawal in six stages, with corresponding takeover by Egyptian forces.

Full approval of the Egyptian Government and enjoyed the full backing of the Sudanese leaders Sayed Siddik El Mahdi, Secretary-General of the Umma (Independence) Party and Ali El Mirghani, religious leader and head of the Ashgha Party.

BRITISH OBJECTION

The two Sudanese nominees mentioned by General Naguib are Sayed Dardiris Mohamed Osman, a member of the National Unionist Party, a former judge of the High Court, and formerly Under-Secretary of State in charge of Sudan affairs attached to the Egyptian Foreign Ministry, and Sayed Ibrahim Ahmed, a member of the Umma Party and of the Executive Council of the Sudan.

According to diplomatic circles here the British Government objects to Dardiris' nomination. General Naguib also alleged that the British Administration in the Sudan had appointed a number of officials to permanent jobs so that they might remain for a long time there.

He continued: "We have also received complaints of the maltreatment of Sudanese tribesmen at the hands of British officials."

DIRECT CONTACT

The Egyptian Prime Minister, Dr. Mohamed Fawzy, announced earlier today that his Government would in future contact the Governor-General of the Sudan, Sir Robert Howe, directly instead of through the British Embassy in Cairo.

He said the Egyptian Government was anxious to go ahead with the Sudan elections, and added that delay was not due to Egypt.

General Naguib was then asked to comment on reports that the British Foreign Office regretted statements by responsible Egyptian leaders that the evacuation of British forces from the Suez Canal Zone should be unconditional.

He replied sharply: "Egypt shall accept nothing short of unconditional evacuation. The evacuation must and shall be complete and unconditional."

He added: "With what confidence are we to enter into negotiations with the British on the question of defence when their conduct in the Sudan is greatly disturbing us?"

General Naguib cited cases of "British procrastination" saying: "The British Government still objects to the appointment of the two Sudanese nominees in the Sudan Governor-General's Advisory Commission."

This, he said, was despite the fact that both nominees had the

Bomb Explodes On Carrier

Washington, Mar. 10.

The United States Navy reported today that a dislodged bomb exploded on the flight deck of the carrier Oriskany in Korean waters on March 6, killing two men and wounding 15 others.

The accident occurred when a Navy pilot returning from a raid over North Korea attempted to land with one of his bombs which had failed to release over the target, the Navy said.

At the moment of landing the bomb shook loose from its wing position, bounced twice and exploded.—Reuter.

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NATIVES SLAY SHOPKEEPER

Nairobi, Mar. 10.

A gang of 100 Africans killed an African shopkeeper today in a raid on Titi Thuri village in the south Nyeri reserve north of Nairobi.

The north of Nairobi they beat up a woman and child, ransacked three shops and then returned to the forest.

A force of Kenya regiment territorialists are on their trail.

At Fort Hall, northeast of Nairobi, a headman and captain in the African homeguard was taken from his hut and beaten to death with pangas.—Reuter.

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SIX 'INVASIONS' OF HIMALAYAS

New Delhi, Mar. 10.

The mighty Himalayas, usually still and trackless, will have a busy look this year with at least six foreign mountaineering teams mapping invasions. A Japanese team will be among the climbers.

Great Britain's 13-member Everest expedition is to reach the hills first — later this month. Other countries planning 1953 assaults on unconquered Himalayan peaks:

Germany — Pakistan's Nanga Parbat peak, which took the lives of seven Germans, two British climbers, an American and 15 porters in earlier expeditions, is the target of the German Alpine Association. Famed German Himalayan expert Paul Bauer tentatively plans to lead another team in the Indian Himalayas.

Switzerland — Swiss climbers from the Academic Alpine Club of Zurich will attack Dhaulagiri peak in Western Nepal.

Japan — After a successful 1952 reconnaissance expedition, a Japanese group hopes to scale Mansalu peak in Eastern Nepal.

U.S.A. — Boston Himalayan fans will seek to climb "K2", second highest peak in the world.

Britain's Everest attempt follows two unsuccessful 1952 Swiss ascents, one before and one after the monsoon season. The earlier try brought the Swiss to a point only 800 feet from the 29,002 feet high summit.

JAPANESE CLAIM

Japanese climbers under Dr K. Imanishi reached a height of 19,000 feet on the Eastern side of Mansalu peak before turning back last year. They said they had discovered a possible route to the 26,058 feet high summit.

A Japanese Alpine Club party is expected to reach Nepal in April. Definite plans have not been announced.

Inspired by the spite of foreign interest in the Himalayas, Indian mountaineers have perked up and a 1954 Everest attempt may materialise. The Indian Himalayan Society has announced that expeditions will attack Kamet, Panchthul, and Nanda Devi during 1953. Plans have not been completed. An Indian Army engineer lost his life on Kamet last year.

Gabriel Chevalley, leader of the second Swiss team, blamed chilling autumn winds as the

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Argument Over Korea Shortage Of Ammunition

Washington, Mar. 10.

The Defence Secretary, Mr Charles Wilson, assured worried Senators today that there was enough ammunition for the present limited combat in Korea and there will soon be enough for more active fighting.

Mr Wilson and the Army High Command testified at a closed round-table session of the Senate Armed Services Committee with members of the Senate Military Appropriations Subcommittee attending.

Prepared statements by witnesses were made public.

General James Van Fleet, retired Commander of the 8th Army, had testified last week that his forces had suffered from chronic, serious and sometimes critical shortages of ammunition.

With General Van Fleet listening, Mr Wilson and his colleagues denied that shortages in the general sense were quite as serious as General Van Fleet had painted them. But they did not deny that there had been shortages — particularly in heavy calibre shells.

Mr Wilson, in his written statement, gave this picture: "As of now we have the ammunition necessary for operations on the present scale. Soon, it is far to state, we shall have amounts necessary to give the Field Commanders considerable latitude in determining and supporting a more active type of operations."

General J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, said that the Army was concerned about the lack of enough reserve stocks of ammunition not only in the Far East but elsewhere.

NEVER SHORT

But he added: "On the other hand there has never been a shortage of ammunition in the hands of our troops (unless in some isolated instance because of local difficulties of distribution) either to repel an attack that actually developed or to conduct our own operations."

General Collins admitted that Congress has "always given us the ammunition fund which has been requested of it."

In an apparent reference to the conflict between General Van Fleet's testimony and his own, General Collins said that the authorities in Washington must consider the global situation when allocating ammunition. The Korean situation cannot be divorced from "ammunition supplies world-wide."

The Army Secretary, Mr Robert Stevens, said that every effort was being made to increase ammunition production and to economize in heavy calibre.

He quoted General Collins as saying that General Mark Clark, the Supreme Far Eastern Commander, is satisfied with actions currently being taken.

"VERY ACUTE"

After the hearing, Chairman Legett Saltanstall said that testimony before his Committee indicated that ammunition shortages were felt very acutely at the Korean front.

Mr Saltanstall, citing especially testimony of General Collins, said: "My opinion from General Collins' testimony is that there were shortages and that the shortages were reflected very acutely at the front."

Apparently on the basis of secret testimony, Mr Saltanstall said that it was his impression at present that supplies are not ample but that they are more reasonable than before. He said that firing rations at the front were not adequate but were not so limited now as they were.

The difference of opinion between General Van Fleet and General Collins came down to the fact that the Field Commander was unable "to carry out all plans...to conduct all the raids he would like to carry out."

He said that there was not enough ammunition but it was not necessarily true that American strategy in Korea has been dictated by a shortage of ammunition. — United Press.

Eisenhower's Views On New Regime

Washington, Mar. 10.

J. M. A. Luns, Netherlands Foreign Minister, said today that he and President Dwight D. Eisenhower feel the free world should not be taken in by early moves of the new Soviet regime in the direction of either peace or war.

Mr Luns conferred at the White House with Mr Eisenhower. He was accompanied by Dr J. H. Van Roijen, Netherlands Ambassador to the United States, and by Walter Bedell Smith, U. S. Under-Secretary of State.

Mr Luns told newsmen that he and Mr Eisenhower surveyed the entire world situation, with special emphasis on Europe and defence plans. They both believe it is too early to know what course Russia will follow under the leadership of its new Premier, Georgi Malenkov. — Associated Press.

RUSSIANS FOLLOW CUSTOM

Moscow, Mar. 10.

Muscovites, their overcoats dusted with snow, tonight silently pressed round Stalin's tomb in the Lenin - Stalin Mausoleum just as they would visit a relative's grave.

It is the Russian custom to visit the burial places of relatives for days after the funeral. As in the case of family graves, the gaunt structure was banked with wreaths. The flowers, under a blanket of snow, overlooked beyond the tomb, slightly banking the terraced viewing stand at the memorial's side.

Snow covered the domed roof of the Kremlin, behind the memorial as seen from the cobbled Red Square.

Stalin's death struck the nation like an emotional earthquake. Hundreds of thousands queued for hours to pay their last respects to the leader as he lay in state. To-day they turned their steps to the Red Square to gaze quietly on the Mausoleum which now bears the two words "Lenin, Stalin."

The burial vault is at present closed to the public. People in the streets gathered around billboards to see newspaper pasted up with photographs of yesterday's funeral procession and the last ceremony in the Red Square. — Reuter.

OSTEND WANTS MONTGOMERY

Ostend, Mar. 10.

An invitation to attend a Coronation Ball on June 6 next at the Ostend Kursaal will be sent to Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery by the Belgian Sealde British Legion Section.

Lord Montgomery was granted the honorary citizenship of Ostend a few years ago as a token of the Ostend people's gratitude for their liberation by the Allied armies. — Associated Press.

Joan Hammond III

London, Mar. 10.

The Australian operatic singer, Miss Joan Hammond, has had to cancel her engagements because of influenza. Her condition was reported to have improved today. — Reuter.

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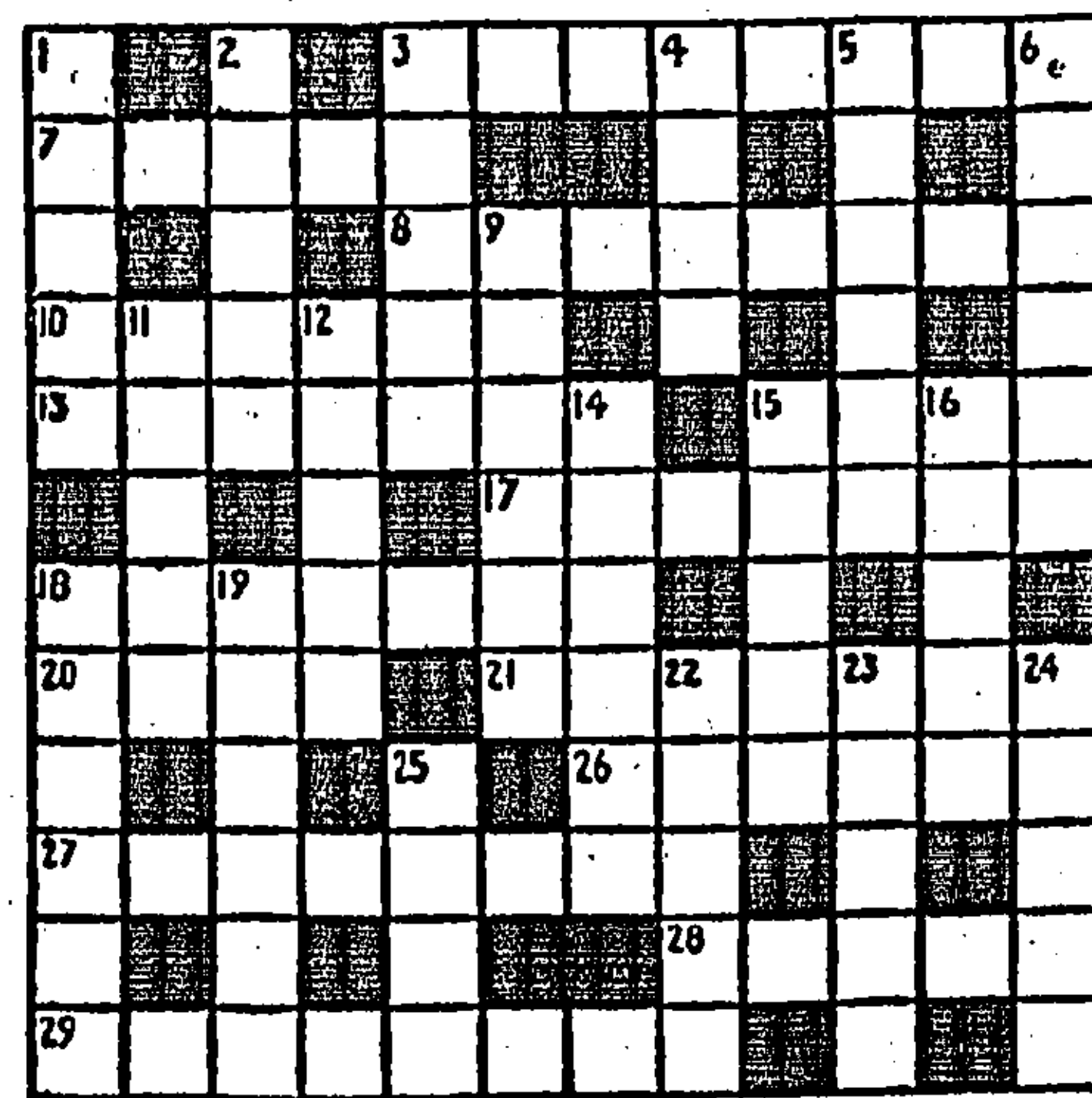
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22 Rat for example (6).
27 Slipshod (8).
28 Reliance (5).
29 Night-time (8).

Franco-Turkish Talks Open. In Paris: Defence Problems Discussed

Form Of European Union

Only Saar Issue
Still Undecided

Strasbourg, Mar. 10. Parliamentarians from six West European countries today approved a Constitution designed to bring their nations into close political partnership, leaving open only the contentious question of the Saar.

The Assembly of delegates sent by the six national parliaments approved all but one of 116 articles in the Constitution.

The article left undecided would govern the representation of the Saar in the two-chamber Parliament of the projected union of France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

This point was deferred for decision by the six States' Foreign Ministers. It links with French-German efforts to settle the dispute about the Saar, tiny industrialised territory on their borders, at present under its own government but in economic association with France.

The Constitution would set up a political community embodying a two-chamber Parliament, a supra-national Cabinet and a Court of Justice to run the projected European Army as well as the Schuman Coal-Steel Pool already set up by the six partners.

Another council would plan the economic integration of the six countries.

The Parliament's Lower House would be elected by direct suffrage in all six countries and would meet twice a year.

It is now up to the six governments to accept or amend the Constitution before taking it to the national parliaments for approval.—Reuter.

Segregation Issue

Washington, Mar. 10. The Attorney-General, Mr. Herbert Brownell, today requested the Supreme Court to declare illegal racial segregation in Washington restaurants.—France-Press.

Electricity Cuts

Rio de Janeiro, Mar. 10. Electricity cuts of about 20 per cent have followed continued drought which led to a fall in the River Paranaiba, from which Rio draws its hydro-electric power.—Reuter.

AMERICA BARS LABOUR MP Refused Visa To Enter U.S.

London, Mar. 10. Mr Sydney Silverman, leading Labour Member of Parliament, disclosed tonight that he had been refused a visa to visit New York under the McCarran Act, which regulates entry into the United States.

Mr Silverman said he was invited to be guest speaker at a New York dinner on March 18, part of a campaign to persuade President Eisenhower to exercise clemency in the case of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, atom spies who have been sentenced to death.

In Washington a State Department spokesman said Mr Silverman had been refused a visa to enter the United States.

He said Mr Silverman was "ineligible" under the McCarran Immigration Act which provides for screening of visitors to America.

Mr Silverman, he continued, wanted to address a meeting on the case of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted atom spies, who are appealing against the death sentence.

Asked if Mr Silverman would be granted a visa at any time if his visit were not connected with the Rosenberg case, the State Department spokesman, Mr Joseph Reap, said he would still be ineligible to enter the country.—Reuter.

Greek Charge Discussed

United Nations, Mar. 10. The Political Committee today discussed a resolution sponsored by New Zealand, Denmark and Peru calling on European Communist countries to repatriate Greek soldiers captured by Communist guerrillas during the Greek civil war.

All 15 delegates who spoke at today's session were in favour of the resolution, which calls on those countries to conform with "the generally acknowledged principles of international law."

Greece alleges that about 3,000 Greek soldiers are detained in Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Rumania and Russia.

An earlier United Nations request to repatriate the soldiers has been ignored.—Reuter.

Lord Baillieu, speaking at a luncheon arranged by the Chamber of Commerce and the English Speaking Union, also urged America to reduce her tariffs and "other obstacles to dollar earning by Western Europe."—Reuter.

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A Foreign Office spokesman said that the agenda includes all political and economic problems of mutual interest, ranging from Turkey's vanguard position and the status of the strategic Bosphorous and the Dardanelles Straits to trade relations within the Organisation for European Economic Co-Operation.

The top-level talks, he said, would centre on the difficulties hampering the creation of a unified Middle Eastern Command with the participation of Arab countries.

Arab nationalism, coupled with anti-Western feeling and the unsettled problem of Palestine, will get careful consideration as the biggest hurdles to be surmounted in filling the Middle Eastern defence vacuum.

The Turkish Foreign Minister, Adnan Menderes, and the Foreign Minister, Fuad Koprulu, who arrived last night, conferred briefly this morning with the French Premier, M. Rene Mayer, at Matignon Palace.

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Lie Accuses The Soviet

United Nations, Mar. 10. Mr Trygve Lie, the United Nations Secretary-General, today accused the Soviet Union of exerting "the crudest form of pressure" upon him.

Mr Lie made the accusation in the plenary session of the General Assembly when he defended his policy on the investigations into the loyalty of American employees of the United Nations.

Mr Lie hoped the "atmosphere of suspicion" caused by the investigations would soon be improved.—Reuter.

TO LEARN SECRETS OF M.I.G.

Paris, Mar. 10. The secrets of the first MIG-15 jet fighter to land intact outside the Iron Curtain will be passed on to the United States and Allied officials despite Denmark's reported refusal to let NATO experts examine the plane, reliable sources predicted today.

Denmark, as a NATO member, is expected to pass along to other Allies all the information gathered by her own experts and the data soon will be in the hands of the American authorities for use by United Nations pilots opposing MIG-15s in Korea, the sources said.

Furthermore, they pointed out, Britain's Air Attache in Denmark, Wing-Commander F. F. Jeff, examined the MIG last week and will almost certainly pass the United States what he learned under the programme of exchange of aircraft technical information between Britain and America.

The plane is not yet considered an "obsolescent type" in Russia. Moreover, Russia has begun to equip its satellite forces with them in increasing numbers. The plane is also believed to be a MIG model in which Russia recently ordered some 300 Communist East German pilots to be trained.

American Air Force officials in Europe who expressed a desire to examine the plane as soon as it landed are at present reported to be waiting for the information to filter through "channels."—United Press.

Plane Output In Canada

Montreal, Mar. 10. Mr Brooke Claxton, Canadian Defence Minister, said that Canada's defence programme calls for production of 3,000 new aircraft. He added that the 400 Sabre jets being manufactured here for the Royal Canadian Air Force are being delivered months ahead of schedule.

Canada has already recruited 85 per cent of the armed forces needed for her three-year defence programme, he said.

The Armed Forces had increased from 47,000 to more than 101,000 in the last two years.—Reuter.

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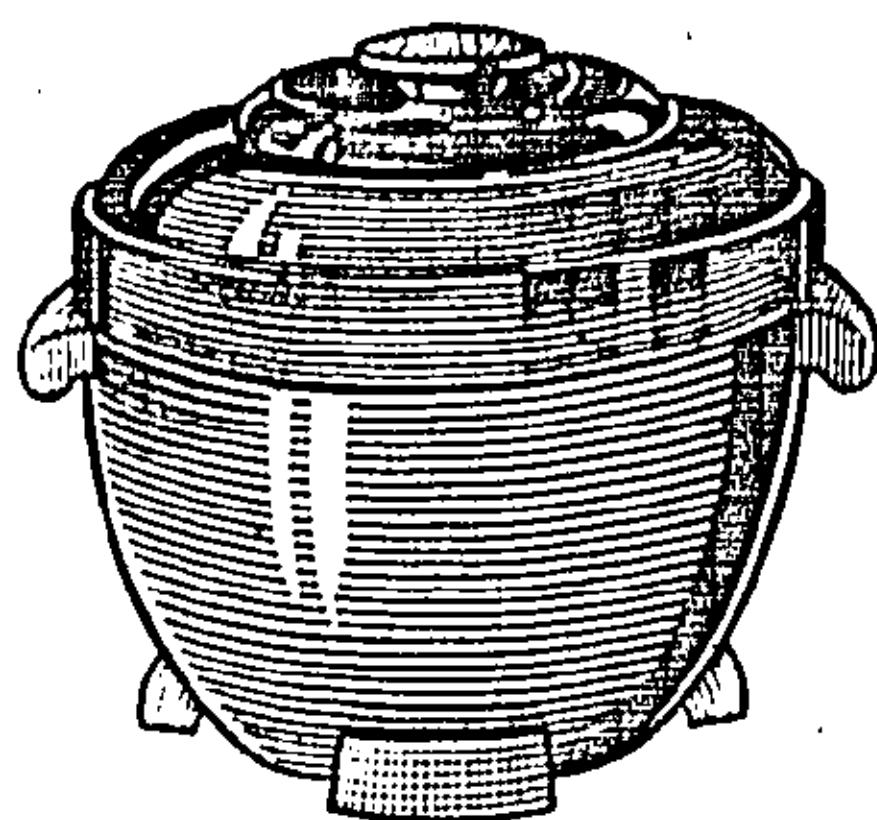
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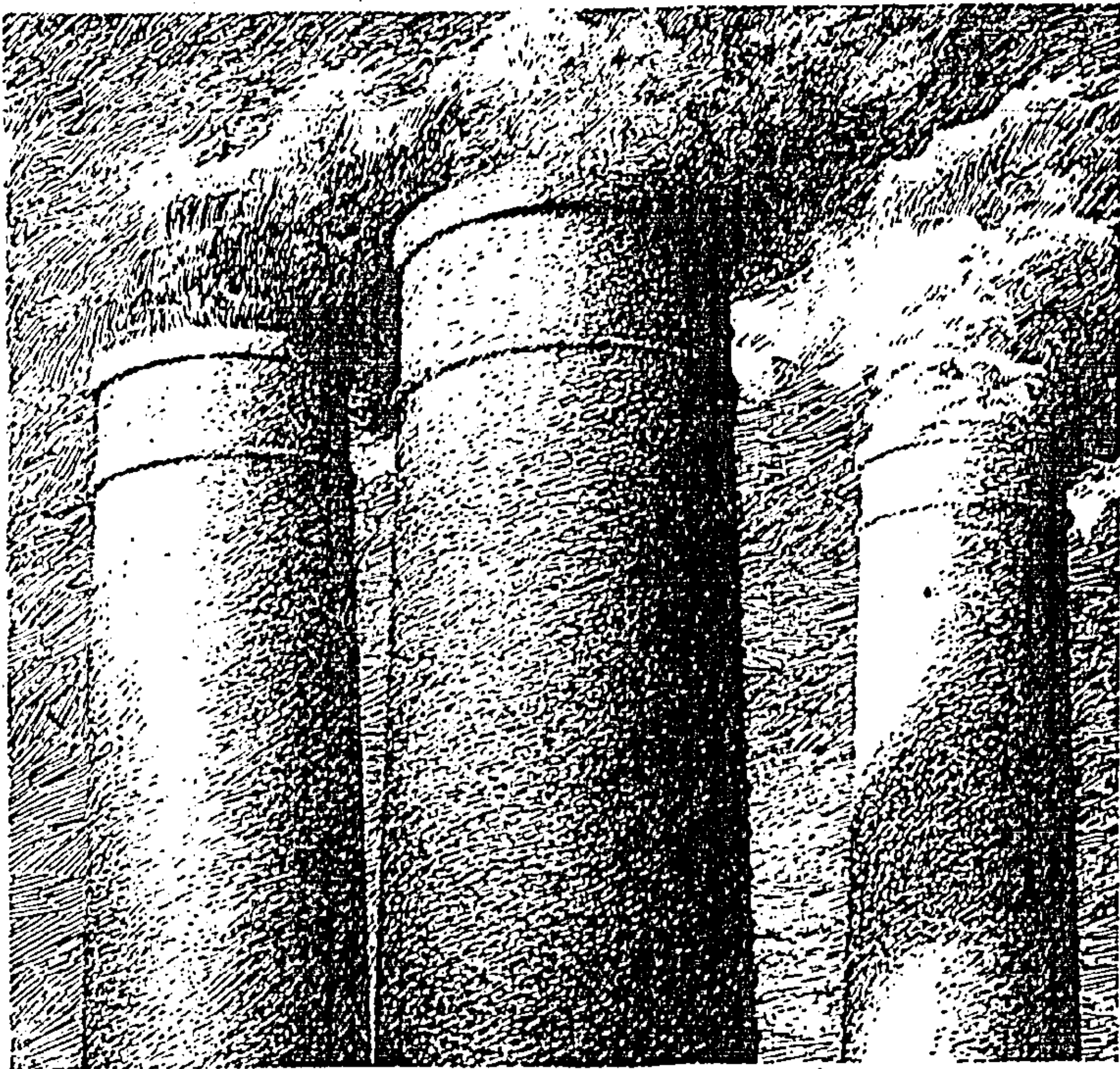
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THE FOURTH DAY in the hunt for the master-spy

A woman calls

THE STORY is told by Ralph Brown, of Scotland Yard. A man called Pitt, under sentence of death for killing a Soho girl, is trying to bargain for his life by offering to reveal the identity of a master spy called 'Leonides'. Going over the murder trail, Brown meets a scarred Pole called Rashki. The next move is to see Pitt's wife. And at the Pitt home Brown finds a photograph of a Russian diplomat, meets Rashki again, and finds he is on friendly terms with Mrs. Pitt.

INSTEAD of taking me to the condemned cell when I arrived at Fentonville this morning, the deputy governor led me into his office and offered me coffee and a cigarette.

"You can't see Pitt for the moment," he said. "He's in the visiting room, talking to his wife."

I said at once: "Is there a place where I can watch them and listen to what they are saying?"

The deputy looked shocked. "We don't do that sort of thing, Brown. His warders are standing by, and they report if there is anything unusual. But damn it, man, he's going to be hanged on Saturday. Let the poor devil talk to his wife without eaves-dropping."

"I raise my hat to your sense of delicacy," I told him, and then added sharply: "But I have a job on my hands that is more important than the feelings of Robert Pitt. A stray word from that man can save the lives of millions of people—the future of your children, perhaps, if you have any. Now, come on, man, stop being sentimental about something Pitt will never know has happened. Where can I watch, without being seen by either of them?"

Without a word he led me out of the office and into the prison proper. Presently I was looking through a tiny grille into the visiting room. I looked sideways on to Pitt and at the other side of the wired glass window that separated them, the elegantly lovely Antonia almost faced me.

NOT for the first time I wondered how these two had ever come together. Was it possible that they had ever been in love? Could there have been passion and intimacy and comradeship between them? If so, any fire they had kindled in each other was manifestly dead now. They looked at each other without any fondness. Pitt was pale and distraught and his wife looked anxious, but you could feel that each was worrying about self and not about the other.

And the talk? She was discussing the future—what she

The man who said 'They can't hang me!' meets his wife

would do with the house, how she planned to get a job. You could tell from her tone of voice that she was not being deliberately cruel; merely that she had already written him off, out of her life.

He sat there listening to her, and then abruptly leaned towards the glass almost as if he were about to prod his neat little nose through it, and he said: "You talk as if I were already dead, Antonia. You'd better be careful. I may cheat the hang-man yet."

THEN they stared at each other, cold contempt in his eyes, a fierce hatred in hers, until he got up to his feet and signalled to his warders to take him away.

When I entered the condemned cell later he bounced to his feet, his eyes glittering with excitement. I saw that he had been reading the morning papers.

The prison authorities had carefully excised all references to his own case, but they hadn't—why should they?—thought to eliminate a small paragraph on the front page which described an unexpected security search at our chief atomic research centre the previous day.

"There's something missing, isn't there, Inspector?" he said. "They've stolen the cartridge on the Monte Carlo bomb, haven't they? It's Leonides again. I know the plan. I know how they are going to get it away—and without my help you can't stop them, Inspector."

His eyes blazed and he reached out a hand to my arm and gripped it. "At the end of this farce, man! Get me out of here, and I'll save your precious secret. —But—GET ME OUT! GET ME OUT! GET ME OUT!"

I said: "The Home Secretary is still considering your case, sir. If he has reason to believe you are not guilty of the murder, or there are mitigating circumstances—"

"Who cares whether I killed someone or not?" he shouted savagely. "What does the life of a common woman matter compared with the fact that in forty-eight hours' time, a plane will be taking you have—most precious secret you have—most precious secret you have—most precious secret you have—"

"I am sure the Home Secretary will be interested in what you say, sir," I said. And left him. I knew now that Robert Pitt's nerve was beginning to crack. Time (and the hangman) were creeping up on him, and he would be talking soon.

BUT how long had we? Did Pitt's remark about the plane really mean that we had forty-eight hours before the stolen cartridge left the country? And if so, which plane would take it—and from which airfield would it leave?

The search was on for the missing atomic cartridge. We were stopping every man, woman, and child, plus every vehicle, within ten miles of the research centre. But that was rather like looking inside the cot after the child has been kidnapped.

We had an agent at every Customs bench in the country, watching the pockets and luggage of every traveller leaving Britain by sea or air. But we knew only too well that there are plenty of illegal (not to say "unofficial") methods of escaping out of the country for those who know the right people.

WHAT we did not need to be reminded of was the fact that someone in a high position on the staff of the atomic research centre was a thief and a traitor.

There were scores of experts at the centre who might have had access—at one time or another, to either plane or the



Get me out of here, get me out, get me out," he screamed

Illustration by ROBB

material of the cartridge; but only about a dozen of them could possibly have understood the significance of what they had been hanging.

It had had to be a top-grade man—one of the chiefs, in fact—so know what to steal.

I told Riddell, the security man at the station, that he had my recommendation (backed by the Cabinet) to give the top atomic scientists working there the roughest, closest, most rigorous examination they had ever had.

By early afternoon there was an urgent call for me to join Riddell and soothe the hurt feelings of the scientists. They felt that their integrity was being doubted (I'll say it was!).

A PROTEST delegation of two was waiting to see me when I arrived.

I groaned when I saw them sitting, red-faced and indignant, in Riddell's office. The scientists had obviously decided to choose spokesmen whose loyalty and bona fides were not in doubt.

Sir Robert Roper and Edward Robinson-Heaton were both distinguished in reputation and ability. Both of them had worked on the Manhattan Project, which produced the atom bomb that dropped on Hiroshima and ended the war with Japan. They probably knew more about atomic fission than any two American or Russian scientists.

Sir Robert, however, was inclined to be a bore about politics. He had a brother who had been head of a voluntary hospital which lost its grant when the National Health Law was passed and he hated Aneurin Bevan (the man who had piloted the Bill through the House) with passion. "Those so-and-so Reds!" was his favourite description for the Bevanites.

Robinson-Heaton was a gentler and less buccolic man, but no less fiery in his hatreds. He hated anyone suspected of red or pink in his make-up too.

With Robinson-Heaton one was inclined to sympathise. His only son had gone down with a Royal Navy destroyer protecting a convoy to Russia, and his only daughter—after marrying a Czech officer and departing for a new life in Prague—had been arrested in the first purge that followed the death of Masaryk and the formation of a Czech communist regime. She died in prison nine months later.

They were the two most virulent anti-Reds on my dossier at Scotland Yard that both of them were meddling with international politics in a large way.

BOTH of them spoke regularly to Eastern Europe on the Voice of America programmes. Both of them belonged to an organisation called the Anglo-Slav Freedom League which preached aggressive action against the satellite countries behind the Iron Curtain.

They are so Right-wing they could find pink in Senator McCarthy's eye, was a popular crack among the other scientists at the station.

Now they were meeting me to protest because security was pressing their colleagues over the missing plan and sample. They were pompous and indignant and rude. They talked about the dignity of science and the integrity of dedicated men.

I am afraid I was very rude to them. I told them what I thought about scientists. I told

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

NOW that damages have been awarded in the High Court to a man who has been troubled by a noisy neighbour, attention has been drawn once more to the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington, where noise is being measured in decibels.

It seems they are trying to find out how much noise people can stand before they go mad or drop dead.

Measured in decibels, a quiet countryside is 10 to 20, ordinary conversation 40 to 60, street sounds 60 to 70, a train corridor 85, and a pneumatic drill 100.

It is when noise reaches the figure of 130 decibels that it becomes injurious to mental health, or fatal.

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All of which indicates that your Uncle Nat, who is oversensitive to noise, has only just escaped sudden death or insanity every time a dear little middle screams or a dear little doggie barks.

For instance, if he is in the quiet countryside enjoying 10 to 20 decibels of noise caused by birds singing, cows moo-ing, sheep baa-ing, bees buzzing, and ancient men muttering to each other in four-ale bars, one barking doggie can bring the decibels up to 60 or 70.

Two barking doggies can bring it up to 80 or 90, three fighting doggies up to 90 or 100, and four fighting doggies and one screaming kiddie up to 120, only one below the sudden death, or cuckoo, line.

Fortunately, your Uncle has never been able to hear the noise of barking doggies or screaming kiddies above the noise of a pneumatic drill.

Otherwise he would have been mad, or dead, by now.

Conversation

ETHEL COTTON, author of "Adventures in Conversation," says, in an interview, that many of us answer no more than "Yes" to the remark "It's a fine day, isn't it?"

What we should answer is: "Yes; but I think it may rain before night." This shows you have considered the question before speaking.

I usually reply "Yes" when people tell me it is a fine day, but on one occasion, when a man accused me of being unsociable, I gave him the works.

I said: "It is obviously a fine day because the sun is shining. The sun is shining because there are no clouds in front of it."

"These conditions are brought about by a belt of high pressure, approximately 2,000 miles long and ten miles deep, which is passing over the Atlantic from west to east at an approximate speed of between 10 and 15 miles an hour."

"When this belt of high pressure has passed, it will probably be followed by a belt of low pressure, in which case moisture from clouds driven across the Atlantic by westerly winds will form into droplets, known as rain, which, as you know, falls on the just and unjust alike."

"When it falls on you, I hope you will be having a picnic."

with your revelling wife and hideous children.

"Moreover, I hope you will be without a car, and miles from a bus stop, without a macintosh or umbrella. I also hope that your wife's dreadful flowered frock and terrible hat will be ruined, and that your children will be soaked to the skin and catch colds."

Fashion note

A REPORT from Paris says: "Fath flashes into fashion with the new Pneumonia Line. The plunging necklines are the most daring ever seen in Paris. For his main theme he takes a fashion somewhat through the years. Jackets ignore hips, coats gently bypass the waist."

Another report says: "Paris accessories are as gay as ever. At Paulette's there is a very fishy atmosphere about her hats. Fishnet moods and cocktail frocks have returned."

I don't know who Fath is. I have never heard of Paulette. But I can report that the fashions of the Southeast Coast of England are not far behind Paris.

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For instance, what look like discarded boatmen's socks are now worn by women on the head instead of on the feet, causing a fishy atmosphere in crowded places. How's that for a somersault?

The Pneumonia Line was fashionable in these parts years ago when the wild east winds tore overcoats away from the bosoms of stout parties and showed plunging necklines daring enough to make you blush.

According to some of the oldest inhabitants jackets have ignored hips and coats have bypassed the waist for generations. In some cases very wide hips have ignored jackets and enormous waists have bypassed coats. Which is one in the eye for Fath.

Thanking you

LIKE me, an American visitor finds that English politeness is becoming tedious.

"They even thank you when they do something for you," he says. "Sometimes you wonder who is thanking who for what?"

He must have heard this kind of goodbye at an English railway station:—

Well; thank you for everything.

Thank you for everything.

Well; thank you for having us.

Thank you for staying with us.

Oh, no. Thank you for thanking us.

Well, thank you for thanking us for thanking you.

And thank you for thanking us for thanking you.

Well, thank you for thinking of thanking us for thanking you.

And thank you for thinking of thanking us for thanking you.

Well, thank you again for everything.

Thank you for everything.

No; thank you.

No; you.

Well; thanks anyway.

Thanks.

—(London Express Service)

MARKSMANSHIP FOR MOTHERS

By WILLIAM BLUETT

THERE are few more revealing guides to life under Communism than the correspondence columns of newspapers in the USSR and the satellite states. Consider, for instance, the following letter from a Czechoslovak mother, printed in the Prague journal, Kvety:

In early August, a fair was held at Annin, near Tovačov. Among other attractions, there was a shooting gallery which featured children's rubber toys for prizes. Now, I have two small children, and I have been looking everywhere for rubber toys because they are safe and easy to take care of. In all the stores, I received the same answer: "They are not produced any more—rubber is an imported raw material!"

"Why, then, are there allocations for shooting galleries?" I asked the attendant if he would sell me some, but he said they were not for sale—anyone who wanted such a toy must get a score of 35 points. There is, it seems, nothing left for mothers but to learn to shoot so that they may get toys for their babies."

That rubber should be scarce in Czechoslovakia is understandable. It is, as the store

assistants pointed out, "an imported raw material." It is also, as they omitted to mention, a strategic war material. What is not understandable is the fact that this precious commodity should be made into toys and given away to superior marksmen (or even markswomen) at fairs.

It would be pleasing to imagine that the fair in question was a relic of Czechoslovakia's former freedom; that, here today and gone tomorrow, it had, by its very impermanence in any one locality, escaped Communist officialdom.

EXPLANATION

But, in any case, how is it that the rubber toys were composed to the hazards of competition? Anyone who has tried his luck in a shooting gallery knows the answer. It is virtually impossible to win a major prize in such an establishment. The gallery at Annin had probably kept its treasures intact for years on end.

Unhappily, such conjectures are academic, for there can be no doubt that the fair had been licensed and launched by the State. The chances are that its contents were guarded to resemble "bourgeois-comopolitan Zionist warmongers," and its roundabouts "f.i.t.e.d." with

mechanised effigies of the "Dove of Peace." Its fortune-teller probably intoned passages from Lenin, and, equally probably, its hoop-la rings were miniature nooses to be thrown round objects resembling the necks of Soviet doctors.

In which case, the presence of rubber toys in the shooting gallery becomes at once explicable. They were put there in all their rarity, to attract sharp-shooting children upon whom the Communist States set special store. In free countries, infants who reveal a talent for handling murderous weapons are looked upon with disfavour. In the "People's Democracies" they are potential "fighters for peace."

Even so, it is difficult to visualise what the ideal Communist child would do with the scarcest rubber toy if he won it. He would clearly consider normal enjoyment a time-wasting bourgeois dissipation. Probably he would give the thing to his mother, who, like the lady of Annin, would be old enough and wise enough to recall the days when children were children instead of Young Pioneers, and toys prizes for good behaviour rather than good marksmanship.

He might then report her to the authorities, for, failing to hand the precious toy to the local People's Salvage Centre,



"Why, if we lived within your income we'd be poor!"

• BY THE WAY • by Beachcomber

GOVERNMENT circles are debating hotly whether Suet's triumph in Zapanaka was the result of a diabolically clever method or sheer, raving innocence.

Is he as deep as the well of San Julia de Loria or as shallow as the Bona Ventura Bridge of the Queen? Could anyone be foolish enough to leave secret documents in an hotel room for all to see—or audacious enough to tamper with a move in a game of cards? Suet himself says that espionage has deprived human nature of its distinction and that he trusts anyone who trusts everyone disarms his opponents. If that is as silly as it sounds, there is no more to be said.

Headmaster defends bribery

ANSWERING the recent criticisms of bribery and corruption at Narkover, Dr. Smart-Alick said yesterday: "The fact that scholars and athletes are all more ready to rich boys than to poor boys is the greatest incentive to the latter to use a little bribery to get ahead. It is a natural thing, and it is better to have it under control than to have it out of control. A poor boy who can find the money to pay his way is as welcome here as a rich one, and

is rightly encouraged to try to outdo the rich boy of any initial advantage he may have. Thus a constant emulation and rivalry keep alive the spirit of initiative. The purchase of places in teams merely proves that we take games seriously as a training for life in the world, where all must pay for what they want."

'Something for the mice to read'

THOSE mice who "ate their way" through an 800-page novel in a public library had the right technique. "Imagining reading your way through all this," said one of them, as he wiped his whiskers. But the publishers will surely make something of the feat. "Praised by the following critics... and, even the following mice... Or: 'Once I had started to eat it, I could not put it down. Just the look for your mice.' First edition eaten, second on the way."

Naval occasions

WITHOUT undue ceremony, the new anchor of the Suez Mrs. Flomster was lowered yesterday afternoon. The chain had not been attached, and the anchor disappeared in the mud. "That's that," said Mrs. Flomster, "I've got it. And the chain?" inquired an official from the Navy. "That," said the caretaker, "will be the tideline in between mouse-unters."

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Opens Partner's Bid; Loses Chance to Win

By OSWALD JACOBY

IF West had opened the Jack of clubs in today's hand, declarer would have been set before he could get well started. The defenders would take three clubs and the ace of diamonds, leaving South on the field of battle to lick his wounds and bemoan his fate. West missed this opportunity, however, by opening his partner's bid suit. This gave South a chance to make the contract by means of an unusual play.

East won the first trick with the ace of diamonds and hopelessly returned the lack of diamonds. South won with the king of diamonds, drew trumps with the king and ace of hearts, and successfully finessed the queen of spades.

A spade to the ace was followed by a diamond, ruff in dummy, and South then led dummy's last spade.

East naturally played the king of spades on this trick, and South made the key play of the hand by discarding a low club instead of ruffing.

If East now led a spade or a diamond, South could discard another club while dummy ruffed. If East led clubs,

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♦ K 8 3	
♣ 5 4 2	
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Pass 4 ♠ Pass Pass	Pass 4 ♠ Pass Pass
Opening lead—♠ 2	

dummy's king would make a trick. Hence the contract was now unblockable. If South had made the "normal" play of ruffing dummy's last spade, he would have lost three club tricks in addition to the ace of diamonds. It is interesting to note, also, that East could have defeated the contract by playing the ten of diamonds instead of the ace of diamonds at the very first trick.

This would have made it possible for West to win the second round of diamonds, whereupon a shift to clubs would be clearly indicated. East cannot be criticized for missing this play, since West might have been leading from the king of diamonds instead of from the queen, in which case the play would cost a diamond trick.

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TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-10-7-4, Hearts Q-8-5, Clubs 6-4-3-2, Diamonds Q-8-5. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD

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1. He's a robot. (9)

2. Unaffected. (9)

3. It's a house in the bagpipes. (5-4)

4. Water. (8)

5. Temporary settlement half full of military police. (4)

6. Put up from Crete. (5)

7. Jack. (9)

8. Joined up but not in 13. (4)

9. Out five in a mixed race. (4)

10. Members of the hart family. (4)

11. Par. (9)

12. Given to follow a washer. (3)

13. Down

14. Arrived at a pointer. (9)

15. Try to make a tie can arrive. (9)

16. More than most. (5)

17. A pen should be high. (4)

18. Stand around. (4)

19. In force during the Queen's coronation. (4)

20. One side but not all. (4)

21. Where you find a fellow. (4)

22. Mineral. (4)

23. What to bare surround. (4)

24. Solution of yesterday's puzzle. (4)

25. Municipal. (4)

26. Add. (4)

27. Paraphrase. (4)

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SECOND DIVISION CLUBS PROVE IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PROMOTION SYSTEM

Says TOM FINNEY

Everton's brave victory at Villa Park in the FA Cup's sixth round maintains a proud record for the Second Division. In each of the seven post-war seasons, they have provided one of the Cup semi-finalists. Indeed the Division almost touched new heights this year. It was only a late and desperate goal from Tottenham Hotspur at St Andrew's which prevented Birmingham City from joining Everton in the last four.

Manager Cliff Britton, one of Everton's most distinguished wing-half-backs, well deserves this latest reward. He has done a fine job in rebuilding the traditions of this old club without needing to spend extravagant transfer fees. Of the seven Second Division semi-finalists since 1946, only Leicester have gone through to play at Wembley. But it will not surprise me if Everton follow in these footsteps this season.

Bolton Wanderers, led by England's Nat Lofthouse, are a fine compact side. Yet that may not be sufficient to win the all-Lancashire tussle at Maine Road on March 21.

NEW SYSTEM WANTED

More important though are the conclusions which may be drawn from the consistent appearance of a Second Division club in the semi-finals. Back in 1946, Birmingham City lost to Derby County only when their right-back Ted Duckhouse broke his leg in the first few

seconds of extra time in the replay. Then, in order, it was Burnley, Tottenham, beaten then in a dramatic game by Blackpool, their opponents this time—Leicester City, Everton, who lost a Lancashire derby to their Liverpool neighbours, Birmingham again, and last season Blackburn Rovers.

To my mind this list proves one fact. It is that there has never been a more opportune moment for considerably widening the scope of promotion and relegation.

These Second Division sides, consistently beating teams from the First Division on the road to the semi-finals, could more than hold their own in the upper class of Soccer. The fact that two of them, Burnley and Tottenham, have since gained promotion and developed into two of the strongest sides in the First Division supports my case.

It would be in the interests of the game if there was a greater flow between the divisions. I am quite certain that the old principle of "four up, four down" would make for keener competition—and bigger crowds.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ELEVENTH RACE MEETING 1952/53

Saturday, 21st March, 1953.

(Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

The programme will consist of 9 races. The First Race will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2 p.m.

Through Tickets (9 Races)—\$18.00 also tickets at \$2 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 2nd May, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 20th March, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, sweep tickets may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Offices at—

5 D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed points so declared by the Stewards when the "ALL CLEAR" is given. The "ALL CLEAR" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for refund payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WHICH ARE BEING ISSUED FOR THE 1953 RACING SEASON ARE NOT VALID UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1953. 1952 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tifins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

SCOTLAND v. IRELAND AT MURRAYFIELD



Ireland defeated Scotland by 26 points in the international rugby match at Murrayfield, Scotland. Picture shows a Scotland player punching the ball after the break up of a scrum.

GEORGE WHITING'S COLUMN

Ramadhin And Company Threaten To Shun MCC's West Indian Tour Series

London.

Looking a little beyond the impending Miller-Lindvall threat I report the rumblings of a West Indian domestic argument concerning England's cricketing visit to those parts next winter.

Last time, in 1947-8, under G. O. Allen, we had to fly out Len Hutton in an unsuccessful effort to prop up the "gates" and rescue a team which—minus Compton, Edrich, Bedser and Wright—failed to win one of their 11 matches.

Next winter it may well be the West Indians who will be afflicted with team troubles—for I hear that Frank Worrell, the stylish, Everton Weekes, builder of outside innings, Clyde

Walcott, wicketkeeper-batsman, and Sonny Ramadhin, leg-breaker extraordinaire, are by no means certain to be playing against us. They want more money.

All four with financial minds sharpened in Lancashire League cricket have been offered terms by an Australian umpire, Andy Barlow, to tour India with a Commonwealth XI next winter.

Fanling Golf

The March qualifying round for the Captain's Cup will be held on the Old Course at Fanling during the coming week-end. Members are requested to note that there is only one qualifying round for the Captain's Cup this month.

During the period—November to February, Qualifiers were held on both Old and New Courses and two players qualified each month.

Other competitions scheduled for Sunday afternoon are a Mixed Foursomes on the Old Course and a Four-ball against Bogeys on the New.

The handicap for the four-ball competition will be three eighths of combined strokes to be taken by the Best Ball at the allotted holes.

ENTRY LISTS UP
Entry lists are now posted in Club Houses for the following competitions:

(a) "Married" v "Single" (closing date March 15) match to be played on March 22, if sufficient entries are received.

(b) "Shanghai Visitors" Cup to be played on Easter Sunday, April 5, the closing date for receipt of entries in this competition being March 29.

H. B. Neve is the present holder of the Cup, which is offered for the best score, 36 holes on handicap over the Old Course. H. B. Neve's winning score last year was 177-30 = nett 147. W. P. Birtwhistle being second with 172-30 = nett 142 and J. M. Beazley, third with 169-20 = nett 143.

The following revisions of handicaps have been released during the past week: J. D. Mackie 3; B. E. Cole 14; Capt. G. A. McClean 14; Maj. R. A. Pont 22; R. E. Skelton 24.

Oxford Row At Much Higher Rate Than Cambridge

London, Mar. 10.

Oxford rowed at a much higher rate than Cambridge when both crews went out on the Thames at Putney to-day in their preparation for the boat race on March 28.

In a burst of a minute Oxford got in 37 strokes, the highest either crew has yet attained. Cambridge did not strike above 30 in a short row of two and three minutes.

The crews were out on the river together and they passed and repassed each other on their journeys between Putney and Chiswick slips.

It was announced today that the race will start at noon GMT instead of 12.30 hours as originally stated.—Reuters.

Old Shanghai Win Bowling Match

An Old Shanghai team beat an RAF team in a bowling game at the Bowling Alley of the Hongkong Club yesterday.

The score was 1,798 to 1,742 points in favour of the Old Shanghai team which gave their opponents a handicap of 140 points.

The teams were: Old Shanghai—Messrs Smith, F. Marshall, D. Leach and J. Mout. RAF—Wing Cmdr Kettlewell, Sgt. L. Taylor, Wing Cmdr Reed and Col Norman.

Billiards Tourney

In a long and exciting game, J. E. Mott beat C. C. Lees by 18 points in the semi-final of the Senior Billiards Championship at Eastern Athletic Club last night. The score was 1,000 to 984.

Schoolboys Do Well At The Colony Open Junior Badminton Championships

By "ARGONAUT"

Brilliant successes by schoolboy and erstwhile schoolboy shuttlers featured the second night's programme of the Colony Open Junior Badminton Championships at Talkoo Club yesterday.

The night's high standard of play reached a thrilling climax in the last game of the evening when St. Joseph's schoolboy H. A. Castro, Jr., in partnership with Miss Fern Dhabar, battled to a 17-17 score against Chinese YMCA's C. Y. San and Miss K. S. Lai, after staving off three set points and succeeded in notching the last point amidst thunderous ovation.

The first set was a neck and neck struggle all the way until the YMCA pair shook off their opponents at 13-12 to clinch the first set. They took a commanding 9-1 in the second set only to see Castro and Miss Dhabar fighting back gamely at this stage to reduce the deficit to 6-10.

PERIL DABAR SHINES
Fern Dhabar reached peak form at this stage when time and again she came through with point-winning smashes at the net to score nine points in a row for set.

The Chinese pair took a 5-2 lead in the deciding set, but were gradually overhauled at 5-5 and 9-8. They regained the lead at 11-9 after some steady play in the backcourt by C. Y. San.

Castro Jr., came to the rescue at this stage as he refused to buckle down under the stream of smashes and drives. From 9-11, he brought the score to 12-13 and 14-13.

On the changeover of services, the Chinese pair took the score to set point at 17-15 but failed to score the match-point.

Castro and Miss Dhabar managed to add only one point on their next strokes and with grim determination held their opponents to two scores services with two good smashes.

A high service by Miss Dhabar to her feminine opponent brought the score to 4-4. Her next service was smashed away by San and another much cleaner shot by Castro Jr. completed the match with a sideline smash during the rally.

Another schoolboy success of the evening was that of the Junior Doubles combination of Siu Chuen and Wong Shui-king of King's College who romped through to a comfortable 15-5 and 15-7 win over B. K. L. Lui and Dr. S. K. Ng.

Seeded player Johnny Pomeroy, Jr., one of the most youthful players in the tournament, defeated one of the strongest contenders for the title, showed tremendously improved form to edge out Craigsgower's P. V. Yap in three hard-fought sets that reached a very high standard.

The favourite for the Junior Singles title, Frank Rosario, met with surprising resistance from Craigsgower's "C" Division representative Yung Keng-woo in the initial stages of their match, but managed to win comfortably by 15-7 and 15-4.

LIGHTNING RACE
The seeded combination of J. C. Koh and J. A. Motta of St. Teresa, who already hold the distinction of being an unbeaten pair in the Men's "B" Division League this season, were extended all the way by Tytan's

Junior Ladies Singles, 8 p.m.—Mrs. P. C. Chan v. Mrs. E. Wong, 15-12, 15-12, 15-12.

Junior Mixed Doubles, 9 p.m.—Mrs. Y. Y. and Mrs. B. T. Toak, 15-12, 15-12, 15-12.

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THE GAMBOLE



WORCESTER ARE READY FOR THE AUSTRALIANS

Attack To Be Chosen From Five Fast Bowlers

By DENNIS HART

There will be standing room only in Worcester on April 29. On that day the City promises to become the centre of national interest.

All over England men will greet each other excitedly with "See what's happened at Worcester?" Newspaper boys will shout "Worcester latest," and people will buy papers to find out just what is happening at Worcester.

They will turn immediately to the sports page. For the event that will make Worcester hot news is a game of cricket.

For this will be the opening match of the first class season and more than that, the opening match of the Australian tour.

TRADITIONAL

It is traditional that the Australians begin their tour with a game against Worcester. They have been doing it since 1930, and Worcester goes out of its way to welcome them. Normally this City, tucked away from the heart of England, allows nothing to disturb the peaceful tempo of its life. But the Australian visit is different.

The County ground, overlooked by the Cathedral, and with the river running by, is one of the prettiest in the world. Its beauty is enhanced by the extra tents and marquees which are put up for the Australian match, with their gay flags fluttering in the Spring breeze. And in the crowded streets from the time the first ball is bowled until stumps are drawn on the last day, the match is the centre of interest. The news flashes round so quickly, that within ten minutes of an event, such as a wicket falling, everybody knows about it.

"Yes, Worcester is really cricket-conscious, a lot of cricket-mad you might say," explained Club Secretary Major Brian Bayly as he put down the phone for the umpteenth time after answering a ticket enquiry. "Our folk may not possess the cricket knowledge of say the Yorkshire crowds, but they make up for it in enthusiasm."

And they are enthusiastic not only in watching the game, but in helping the County. They were one of the first clubs to form a Supporters' Association. This association has proved exceedingly valuable. During the winter they run their own football pool. This is bringing in £500 per week, and all of it is placed at the disposal of the club.

SUPPORTERS' MONEY

Many of the spectators who will attend the Australian game will watch from stands bought by the County.

Major Bayly, himself is no less enthusiastic. At work he shows all the zest he displayed during the war when fighting in Burma with Colonel Wingate's Chindits. He arrives at his office by nine o'clock, in the morning, and never leaves before ten at night.

"There is so much to be done," he explained. "Separately, the beginning of the season and the Australian match are more than enough for one man to handle, together they are nearly impossible."

But neither the Major nor anyone else in Worcestershire would have the match changed to later in the season. They are proud of their position as No. 1 host to the tourists.

How different from 25 years ago. Then, Worcestershire cricket and its support had reached such a low ebb that the Australians decided to cancel the fixture, which was arranged for mid-season.

This stung the county to action and they campaigned strongly. The Australians were not easily persuaded, but finally consented to play the match as a sort of preliminary practice game to the tour proper.

The first of these "preliminary centers" was in 1930. Playing in that game, his first in England, was a slip of a lad from Coolamundra. He was 21 years old and destined to break the hearts of many bowlers as well as shock the world with his performances with the bat.

He was of course Donald, now Sir Donald, Bradman. Worcester supporters in particular have good reason to remember "The Don." In his first match he scored 230 in 4½ hours.

And having acquired the double century habit, he repeated the dose on the next two tours. But on his fourth and last visit in 1948, he failed. He was back in the pavilion after scoring 100!

ANXIOUSLY AWAITED

Small wonder then Worcester is anxiously awaiting the arrival of Sir Craig, who has been heralded in Australia as the new Bradman. He certainly has a reputation to live up to.

During the Bradman era, Australia won all four matches against the County by an innings. Naturally, most of the in-

dividual honours belong to the tourists. In addition to Bradman's performance there was the brilliant bowling of Fleetwood-Smith in the 1938 game. In Worcestershire's first innings he practically dismissed the County single handed, taking eight wickets for 88 runs.

This game is also remembered for the bowling of Australia's McCormick. He was unable to get his run-up right and was no-balled nineteen times in the first three overs. Another interesting point was that Australia made their highest-over total against the county, 541, after Worcestershire skipper C. J. Lytton, had put them in!

HOOR AFTER HOOR

But, spare a thought for fast bowler Reg Perks. Hour after hour he toiled whilst most of the cheers were for the man with the bat. Reg has played for Worcester since 1930, and taken more wickets for the county than any other bowler.

He has played in the last three Australian matches, and often, through lack of support, he waged a virtual one-man war against them. In 1938 he bowled 34 overs in the Australian innings, and had 147 runs knocked off him, but he never gave up, and put all he had into every ball, and finally captured four wickets.

Reg, at 42, is the club's senior professional. But at an age when most fast bowlers have found an easier way of making a living he still maintains his old zip and fire and for the first few overs is probably the fastest man in the country. He is looking forward to renewing his rivalry with the Australians and is keeping fit by running Worcester's indoor cricket school.

HAROLD MAYES Talking Sport

INSURANCE PLAN TO SHAKE THE PLAYERS' UNION

London.

The question of insurance for Soccer players has been under active consideration by a number of people outside the game since that unfortunate accident to big Derek Dooley.

Outside the game? Yes, because there are people in the insurance business who feel that a good deal more adequate safeguards can be offered for professional footballers.

One man who has already given years of intensive study to the problem is on the point of putting up a scheme to the clubs, through the Football League, by which the individual players making weekly payments will be offered more attractive terms than are at present available to them through Players' Union channels.

MORE FOR LESS
Broadly, the idea is that this man feels he can offer a £500 insurance at a "bob" a week per head, against the £300 forthcoming through the Players' Union.

Of the 2s. a week union members pay, something like 1s. 4d. goes in insurance premiums leaving them a very small margin with which to conduct the rest of the administrative duties.

Which means what? That the union, already considering for London for the provinces to try to prevent a repetition of the financial losses of the last two years, can have its equanimity still further shattered if the outside agency gets a sympathetic hearing. There are, after all, plenty of players who think in terms of the union on a purely precautionary basis against injury, and those clubs would be unlikely to say "No" to something more attractive, whatever the source.

PLASTIC BALL IS WINNER
Trust the Germans to turn out something in the way of manufactured goods which can rival world markets. This time it's footballs—plastic ones.

The Football Association saw fit not so long ago to issue a directive against the use of plastic footballs, not only because the laws say that the outer casing shall be of leather, but because a number of people, notably referees, were disturbed about the possibility of accidents in the event of plastic casings splitting. Only the other week a referee was telling me about a game of which he had charge in which a four-inch gash ap-

peared in a plastic ball. "If a man had been heading it at that time, I dread to think what the consequences would have been," he said.

Now Sir Stanley Rous has been telling the London Society of Referees about a plastic ball—white or yellow—which is being widely used in Germany and Switzerland.

And, by all accounts, he was most enthusiastic about it. The casing is all in one piece, it is grooved to simulate panning and the surface is rough enough to ensure that goalkeepers can get a grip on it. **COULD MEAN LAW CHANGE**

On the point of economy—and footballs are costly these days—it apparently gives double service.

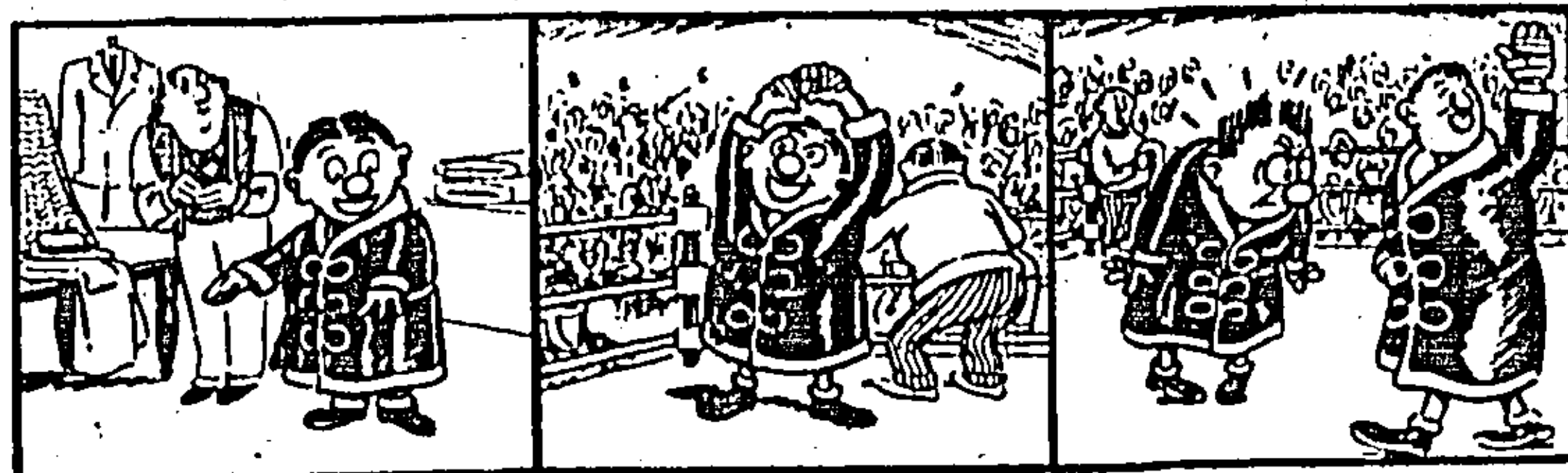
Referees naturally wanted to know if it was as good as dangerous. They were told that it was claimed that one had been run over by a six-ton lorry and had still retained its shape and size, which seems fair enough.

I gather there are FIFA folk who think that as a result of the discovery of this type of ball, the leather one we know is outmoded and outdated. In fact, it is well within the bounds of possibility that we shall see the removal of the word "leather" from the laws before very long.

Sir Stanley also told the referees that the international body had been considering a further change in the off-side law. If he was seeking that reaction, he got it quickly enough. They were pretty unanimous in saying that there had been enough changes already, and their advice was "leave well alone." **TULIP-THREE FOR MARCIANO**
It's a bit difficult to imagine World Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano of the crash-bang right hand tip-toeing through the tulips, but he's chosen Holland for his training spot for the April 10 return in Chicago against the old man of the mountains, Jersey Joe Walcott. No, not the other side of the North Sea, or the Boston-

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



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THE "BERLIN STORY" (FICTION) - 1953

By ANTONY TERRY

Two thousand breathless West Berliners last week watched a pretty girl swinging screaming from a builder's hoist, pursued by a man in a Bavarian hat and fur collared overcoat.

The crowd gasped as he clutched vainly at the rising hoist which was carrying the girl away from him—and then slumped to the ground.

The man was £1,000 a day movie actor James Mason and the frightened girl Claire Bloom, star of Charlie Chaplin's "Limelight."

For the past 10 days they have been stumbling through the rubble of bombed and blitzed Berlin pursued by German film extras disguised as Communist "People's Police" and armed with real rifles.

The film is a new Berlin version of the "Third Man." The title is the "Berlin Story" and Carol Reed is making it on the very edge of the Iron Curtain.

The theme which runs through "Berlin Story" is a little boy on a bicycle which takes the place of the "Third Man" haunting melody of his first Iron Curtain movie.

In his fur collar and hat with its green band, handsome sun-tanned Mason finds it hard to look the part he plays—that of a German "spy" working for the Communists in East Germany until he falls for an English girl (Claire Bloom).

In trying to escape from the Reds with her she is shot and killed. Berliners call it "a typical Berlin story" hence its temporary name although producer Carol Reed says the final version of the movie will have a different title.

British cameramen working on the film in Berlin call Mason "the acting machine". He works so a timetable. As soon as he is told by production director Carol Reed that he has a few minutes to spare between shots, Mason goes straight off to rest in a luxurious walnut paneled caravan complete with bed, writing table, bathroom and cocktail cabinet.

Mason spends his spare moments reading Hamlet and chatting with his personal bodyguard, ex-British Army Sergeant James Monaghan who accompanied him from Hollywood.

Monaghan's job is to see that nothing happens to Mason while he is near the tricky Iron Curtain frontier where the Reds might take counter action to a film which gets its local colour by hanging photos of Stalin all over the British and U.S. sectors. A deliberate insult by Communist standards.

ROUND THE CLOCK
Off duty Mason lives in a suite in Berlin's fashionable "Am Zoo" hotel in the British Sector's smart shopping street, the Kurfurstendamm. His working day is all round the clock—for Carol Reed is directing two separate film units, one working by day and one by night, and he expects his actors—even James Mason—to keep the same strict schedule as he does.

Quiet, reserved, Mason is well liked by the town's newsies who stand for hours in biting winds to film him. Off duty he is terse but willing to talk: "I don't want to say anything—I've been accused so often of being anti-British that no denials I can make will probably change the public's opinion of me. All I want to do is work hard on 'Berlin Story' and show that I can turn out as good a picture as 'Five Fingers'."

Communist tough guy Mason in his spiv's overcoat contrasts vividly with gentle nervous Claire Bloom who arrived in Berlin by air from London this week to play the lead opposite him.

She is the sister of a British Army officer stationed in Berlin and married to a German girl (Hildegard Knef) who fails to avoid getting all mixed up with the sinister underworld of the Iron Curtain city.

Her brother's wife is mixed up in it too—hence the complications over the "spiv" played by Mason who has to choose between the German girl and the English Miss.

HER AMBITION
Claire Bloom's personal off-screen ambition while in Berlin—unlike Mason ("I'd like to be a movie star")—is to pay a secret visit into the Russian half of the city.

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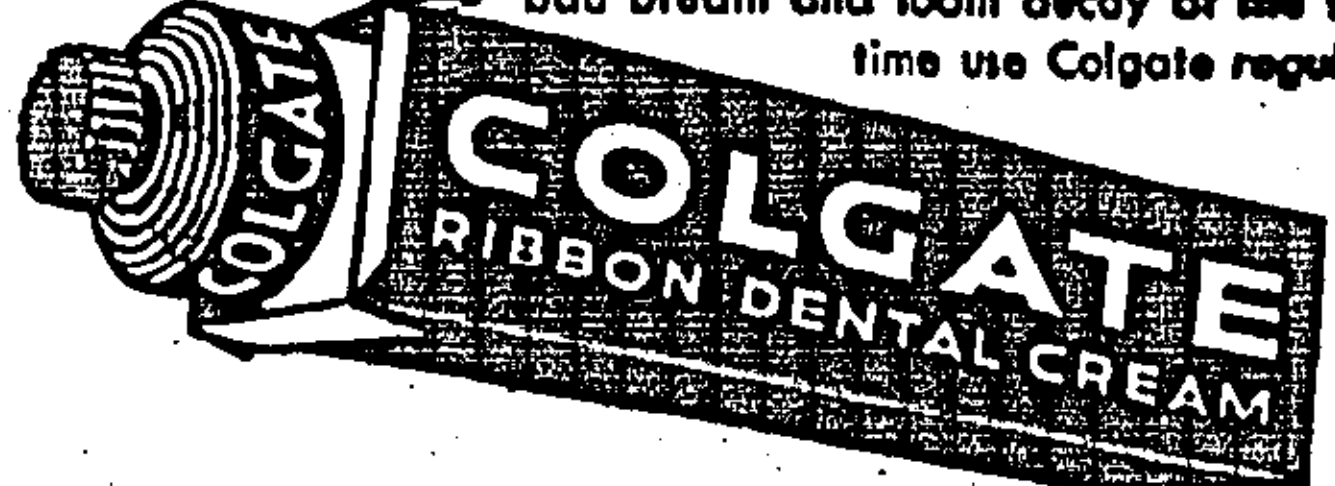
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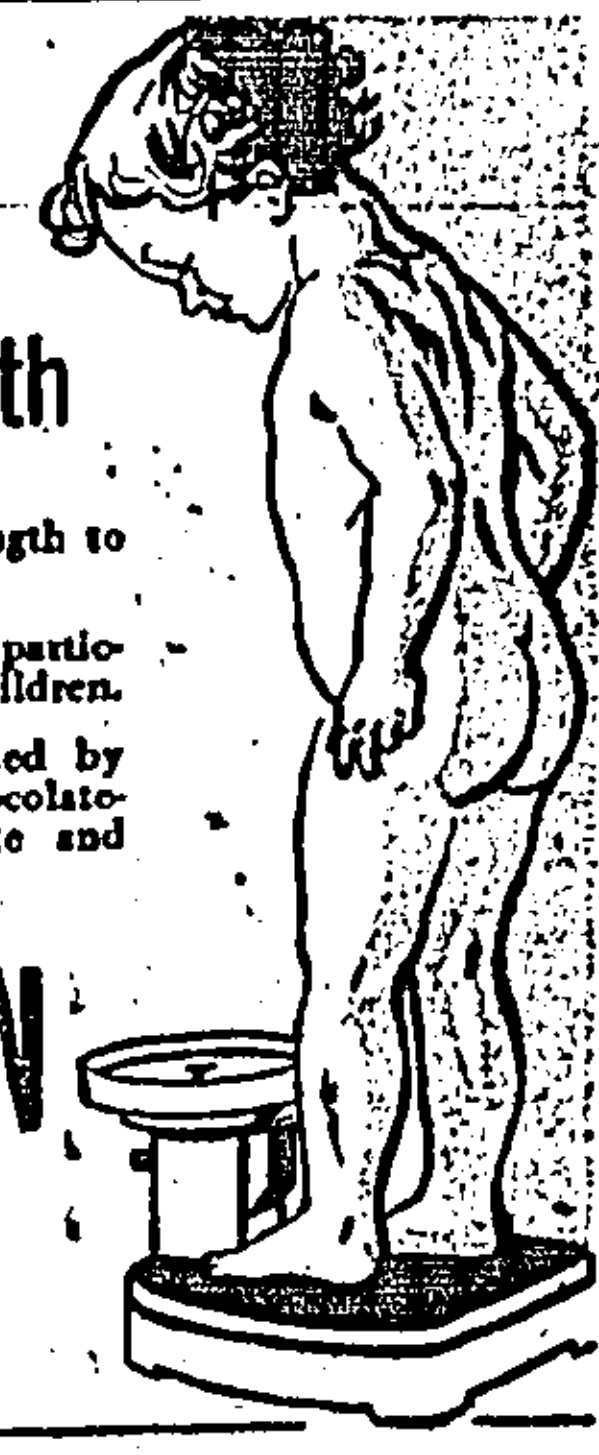
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"SZICHUEN"	Bangkok	10 a.m. 23rd Mar.
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By order of the Board of Directors,
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R. V. Lederhofer
Director
General Managers
Hongkong, 2nd Mar., 1953.

NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Extraordinary General Meeting of Marshman Hongkong China, Ltd., which was adjourned since the 4th of December 1952 will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building on Monday the Thirtieth of March 1953 at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing as a Special Resolution the following resolution, that is to say:

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Mr Archibald Ritchie and Mr. Charles Gow Smith of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews be appointed to act jointly and severally as Liquidators for such winding-up."

Dated the ninth day of March 1953.

By order of the Board,
T. L. LOO,
Acting Secretary.

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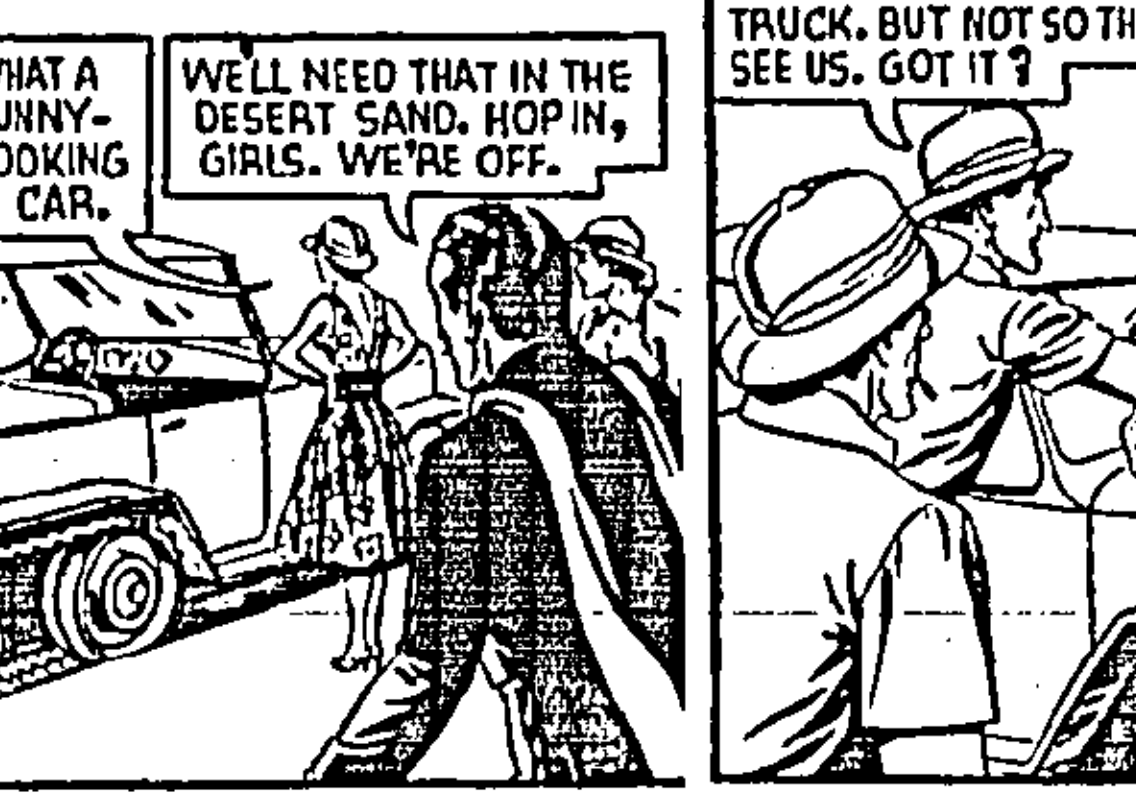
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By Leo Falk and Phil Davis



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WE'LL NEED THAT IN THE DESERT SAND. HOPIN' GIRLS, WE'RE OFF.

FOLLOW THAT CAR AND TRUCK, BUT NOT SO THEY'LL SEE US. GOT IT? YES.

THE REAL SECRET ISN'T THIS EXCITING!

FINDING CLEOPATRA'S TREASURE IS MORE EXCITING-IF WE FIND IT!

THEY FIND IT-DIG IT UP-AND WE GRAB IT. NOT BAD!

NO, AND I GOT A COUPLE OTHER IDEAS, TOO.

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Over The Economic Hump?

Australia Making A Rapid Recovery

Sydney, Mar. 10. Australia is making a rapid economic recovery from the hard days of 1952's "recession".

The Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, describes it as a "heartening transformation" in an article reviewing Australia's economy in the nationally distributed weekly "Farmer and Settler".

"Today there is a fast growing conviction in the minds of Australian people that we are over the really tough economic hump and that ahead lies expansion and prosperity," said Mr. Menzies.

"Exports for the current year may exceed £500 million—a total exceeded only in the 1951 boom year," the National Bank of Australia Ltd. said in a similar review.

If this is achieved this country will have a trading surplus of from £250 to £300 million for the full financial year, the Bank said.

It added: "Part of this surplus will be absorbed by a comparatively large net deficit on account of the so-called invisible payments. But there should remain sufficient to provide a very useful lift in our reserves of foreign currency. "Increase of £94 million in export income for the seven months has improved our internal financial liquidity and stimulated more active spending."

THE REASON

Financial experts say the reason for this return to prosperity lies in the strength of Australia's primary and basic industries, and in the Federal Government's inflation policy which included heavy import restrictions.

The National Bank said, "For wool—the principal export commodity and backbone of Australia's economy—current prices are about 10 per cent above those of a year ago. But, more significantly, the market appears firmer than at this time last year when the trend of prices was generally downward."

"The wheat crop just harvested has yielded an average of 105 million bushels—about 25 million bushels more than last year. Practically all the additional yield will be available for export."

"Substantially higher yields have also resulted from barley and oats. Butter production in well in advance of a year ago and should remain higher. A similar trend is evident in the production of meat and sugar. Lead and zinc prices are about 50 per cent and 80 per cent lower than last October, but these declines are more than offset by the other improvements."

"The last year has seen a much higher and more consistent volume of production of coal, iron, steel, cement, etc., with a surplus available for export."

RESTRICTIONS EASED

"Favourable trade developments have permitted a further £50 million easing of import restrictions from April 1, which brings to £120 million a year total relaxations since the controls were imposed on March 8, 1952."

"We are not yet able to remove all our import restrictions, as a return to inflation with full trading would almost certainly precipitate another crisis." The Menzies-Fadden Government in February decided to relax many import restrictions from April 1, 1953. The value of additional goods will be about £50 million—mostly raw materials and plant needed by manufacturers.

"This is in the best interests of the country, its industry and its employment," said the Director of the Chamber of Manufacturers of New South Wales, Mr. Cecil R. Hall. "The value of known projects already launched by private enterprise to expand major manufacturing capacity totals £220 million," revealed Mr. Menzies.

He added: "It is estimated that almost another £100 million of new money is involved in the development plans of smaller manufacturers. The effect of this huge sum is represented by new plans and touches a level never previously reached in Australia's industrial history."—United Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Mar. 10. The tin market was steady this morning. Turnover was 25 tons, all for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:—
Spot tin, buyers £258
Spot tin, sellers £258 1/2
Business time at £258 1/2
Three-months tin, buyers £258 1/2
Three-months tin, sellers £258 1/2
Business time at £258 1/2
Settlement £258 1/2
—United Press.

Synthetics An Opportunity For Britain

Boon, problem, promise, adventure—the new synthetic fabrics, the man-made fibres, are all these things.

Rayon, after thirty years of growing use and constant improvement, is ungratefully taken for granted.

But nylon, with its aura of glamour, its unfolding potentialities, its eminent fitness for our light—travelling, self-serving, time-conscious modern life; arduous and terylene, those promising problem-children of the chemical industry, offering, perhaps, the long-run answer to the looming world shortage of wool; these have caught the public imagination, in which they bulk much larger than the actual production figures would imply.

Beside the natural fibres, indeed, even rayon is still a stripling in quantity. Last year, this country produced 200 million pounds of continuous-rayon filament and eighty-three million pounds of rayon staple; the corresponding output of cotton yarn was 1,138 million pounds, that of woolen, and worsted yarn 501 million pounds. Nylon has reached here an output of eleven million pounds, to be trebled shortly when extensions to the big factory at Pontypool are completed. Arduous Imperial Chemical Industries' protein fibre, is hardly past the pilot-plant stage; a single factory, opened last year with a scheduled capacity of twenty-two million pounds, should be in full production by late 1954. Terylene, an oil-refinery by-product, has reached in its second year of production an output of one million pounds, with an immediate objective of eleven million.

ONLY A FRACTION

In this country, therefore, all synthetics together amount to only a fraction of the output, weight for weight, of cotton alone; the fewer synthetics are, the more invisible in the total statistical picture. Statistics, however, are not the whole story. What makes the synthetics interesting is on the one hand their present serviceability in jobs which the natural fibres cannot compass, and on the other their significance to Britain's future economic fortunes.

Nylon is, of course, the most miraculous of the new fibres. Its lightness, strength and elasticity provide stocking-filament which no silkworm can rival. Its capacity to take a permanent "set" in fabric—disposes of innumerable laundry and valeting problems. (The makers, however, deplore the popular belief that nylon shirts need no ironing at all). Its immunity to moth

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$126,075.70. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:—

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS
HSK Bank XD 1340
East Asiatic 145

INSURANCES
Union 790 787 1/2
Underwriters 520

DOCKS, ETC.
K. Wharf 73 1/2
Dock 1290 200 0 1290
Provident 1050 0 1050
S'nal Dock 2
Wheelock 735 740 4000 0 740

LAND, ETC.
HSK Hotel XD 7 120
HSK Land (Q) 52 1/2
HSK Land (N) 300 0 50
S'nal Land (142 1/2, 142 1/2)
Really 250 250 2000 0 250

UTILITIES
Trans 20 20 30 000 0 20 20
Star Ferry XD 197 120 0 197
C. Light (N) 0 5 1/2 0 5 1/2
Electric XD 1050 0 1050
Telephone XD 10 22 1250 0 22
340 0 10

INDUSTRIALS
Cement XD 1540
Rope 17

STORES, ETC.
Dairy 1000 1020 500 0 10 10
Watson XD 21

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Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—
U.S. dollar (per \$1) 6.005
Sterling note (per £1) 15.25
Indonesian (per 100) 35.20
Indonesian (per 100) 35.20
Singapore (per 100) 11.25
21C pence (per 100) 11.25

Japanese Barten Contract With Red China

Osaka, Mar. 10. The Konoshima Chemical Company has concluded a contract with Red China for the export of 3,000 tons of calcium cyanamide. It will be the first time since the war that Japan will export fertilisers to Red China. The export price is reported to be US\$95.80 F.O.B. on a barter basis in terms of Fertiliser. Collateral goods to be imported by Japan in exchange for the fertilisers will be Kailan coal. —France-Press.

Export Of Rubber Government Monopoly

Colombo, Mar. 10. The export of all Ceylonese rubber to Communist China will become the sole monopoly of the Ceylon Government, it was made known today.

The Rubber Commissioner notified dealers that he permits to be issued hereafter to the private trade for the export of rubber of any description to China. Contracts already agreed upon will be fulfilled.

The Commissioner said the Government's decision was motivated by a desire to ensure that the best possible prices were obtained.

The United States and Britain recently agreed to tighten controls on the shipment of strategic materials to China. —United Press.

NEW APPROACH?

Washington, Mar. 10. Informed Washington sources predicted today that Britain and the United States would make a new approach to Ceylon to curtail rubber shipments to Communist China.

But it was recognised that the recent rubber-for-rice trade agreement between Ceylon and China would be a major obstacle to any proposals for Ceylon's co-operation with the two big powers in restricting trade with the Soviet bloc. At the recent Anglo-American economic and political talks here, the two governments seemed to work together to get the co-operation of other nations in blocking shipments of war materials to China.

Although Ceylon—or any other nation—was not mentioned by name in the communiqué, there was no doubt here that her rubber trade was very much in the minds of the two delegations. But while there was general agreement in Congressional and State Department circles that something should be done there was an absence of any immediate specific suggestions as to how Ceylon might be persuaded to halt her China trade, particularly in view of the five-year trade agreement. —Reuter.

INDONESIAN MOVE

Kobe, Mar. 10. Indonesia is withholding the sale of rubber because of persistent rumours about the possible devaluation of the rupee, according to local importers. Rubber stocks in Indonesia are reported to have reached 100,000 to 120,000 tons. Despite the continued decline in rubber prices in Singapore, rubber prices in Indonesia are quoted as being higher than in Singapore. —France-Press.

Grain Prices In New York

Chicago, Mar. 10. Prices of grain futures closed today as follows:—
Wheat—price per bushel
Spot 2.25-nominal
May 2.25 1/2
July 2.25 1/2
September 2.25 1/2
December 2.25 1/2
Corn
Spot 1.10 1/2
May 1.10 1/2
July 1.10 1/2
September 1.10 1/2
December 1.10 1/2
Soybeans
Spot 1.75 1/2
May 1.75 1/2
July 1.75 1/2
September 1.75 1/2
December 1.75 1/2
New Year Flour—per 200 lb. Sack
\$12.00 nominal—United Press.

JAPANESE BONDS

London, Mar. 10. Japanese bonds 83 1/2
"A" (45. of 1950) 71 1/2
"B" (45. of 1950) 71 1/2
"C" (45. of 1950) 71 1/2
"D" (45. of 1950) 71 1/2
"E" (45. of 1950) 71 1/2
—United Press.

Britain Urged To Oppose Japan's Admission To Pact

London, Mar. 10.

Mr Wentworth Schofield, Conservative member of Parliament for one of the Lancashire cotton districts, today urged the Government to oppose Japan's membership of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

He told the House of Commons that Japan's admission would enable her to claim a right to most favoured nation treatment which was denied her under the Japanese treaty.

Mr Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade, replied: "It is of course true that if we assume the obligations of GATT towards Japan we shall assume the obligation to grant her most favoured nation treatment."

"But as the Secretary for Overseas Trade indicated on March 3, the Inter-Seasonal Committee has suggested in its recent report certain provisions for permitting the suspension of obligations towards any country whose competition causes violent disruption of trade."

"No decision have been made in this matter and in considering this suggestion we shall certainly bear in mind the point raised by Mr Schofield."

BEST WEAPON

Mr Schofield said the right to deny most favoured treatment to Japan was Britain's most powerful weapon against a recurrence of "Japanese cultural competition."

There would be tremendous misgiving in Lancashire if this weapon was thrown away. Mr Thorneycroft replied that this question raised large and complicated considerations of commercial policy.

No decision had been taken yet but a report had been referred to the governments concerned.

Mr Philip Noel-Baker, former Labour Minister, said the Government must protect Britain against unfair Japanese competition, but it must also recognise that it must hold out the hope of a prosperous and democratic nation. —Reuter.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Mar. 10. World sugar futures closed 1 to 6 lower with sales totalling 103 contracts.

Contract No. 6 closed unchanged to 3 higher with sales totalling 55 contracts.

Contract No. 4 (world) closed 1/2 higher with sales totalling 103 contracts.

Contract No. 5 closed 1/2 higher with sales totalling 103 contracts.

Contract No. 6 closed 1/2 higher with sales totalling 103 contracts.

Contract No. 7 closed 1/2 higher with sales totalling 103 contracts.

Contract No. 8 closed 1/2 higher with sales totalling 103 contracts.

Contract No. 9 closed 1/2 higher with sales totalling 103 contracts.

Contract No. 10 closed 1/2 higher with sales totalling 103 contracts.

Contract No. 11 closed 1/2 higher with sales totalling 103 contracts.

Contract No. 12 closed 1/2 higher with sales totalling 103 contracts.

Contract No. 13 closed 1/2 higher with sales totalling 103 contracts.

Contract No. 14 closed 1/2 higher with sales totalling 103 contracts.

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Contract No. 18 closed 1/2 higher with sales totalling 103 contracts.

Contract No. 19 closed 1/2 higher with sales totalling 103 contracts.

Contract No. 20 closed 1/2 higher with sales totalling 103 contracts.

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Mar. 10. Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—
Number 1 rubber 73 1/2-74 1/2
per lb. April 73 1/2-74 1/2
May 73 1/2-74 1/2
June 73 1/2-74 1/2
Number 2 rubber 70 1/2-71 1/2
April 70 1/2-71 1/2
May 70 1/2-71 1/2
June 70 1/2-71 1/2
Number 3 rubber 67-67 1/2
April 67-67 1/2
May 67-67 1/2
June 67-67 1/2
Spot rubber, unbleached 72 1/2-73 1/2
Blanket crepe 65-67
No. 1 pale crepe 67-69
—United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Mar. 10. Prices of No. 1 rubber futures closed 5 to 20 lower with sales totalling 126 contracts. Liquidation in July delivery met indifference. Factory interest continued to hold aloof on new purchases in spot, with some dealers reporting a slight buying interest in the shipment market. Prices closed today as follows:—
March 22-22 1/2
April 22-22 1/2
May 22-22 1/2
June 22-22 1/2
July 22-22 1/2
August 22-22 1/2
September 22-22 1/2
October 22-22 1/2
November 22-22 1/2
December 22-22 1/2
Spot 22-22 1/2
—United Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, Mar. 10. The rubber market was steadier. Prices closed as follows:—
Number 1 rubber 22-22 1/2
in pence per lb. 22-22 1/2
April 22-22 1/2
May 22-22 1/2
June 22-22 1/2
July 22-22 1/2
August 22-22 1/2
September 22-22 1/2
October 22-22 1/2
November 22-22 1/2
December 22-22 1/2
Spot 22-22 1/2
—United Press.

Peanut Oil In New York

New York, Mar. 10. Prices in the seeds and oils market closed unchanged with the following exceptions:—
Peanut oil, per lb. f.o.b. New York 25 1/2 cents.
Cassia oil, per lb. f.o.b. New York \$4.40-4.65.
Flax seed, per bushel, f.o.b. Minneapolis \$3.01. —United Press.

NY Stock Exchange

New York, Mar. 10. Dow Jones averages at the end of the session stood as follows:—
30 Industrials 285.22
20 rails 109.07
15 utilities 82.80
40 bonds 97.65
—United Press.

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THE WORLD'S BEST!

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Priceless Treasure

HE had no job, and very little money; his worldly goods could have been stowed into a moderately-sized suitcase without causing it to bulge.

As it to compensate him for not being cursed with riches, this young man, whose name was Robin, was blessed with good looks and a happy disposition; simple, uncomplicated tastes, and a trustful nature. He was spared the daily shocks the headlines bring, for he could not read; and he was never lonely, for he regarded all men as his friends, and most men, he regarded, give friendship in return.

HIS MOTHER'S GIFT

ONE possession Robin had that he prized very greatly, and all the more because he owned so little. This was a signet ring given him by his mother, with whom he lived. This he treasured. He could not have prized it more had it been set with the Koh-i-noor diamond, which have been a mangle ring, which rubbed, could conjure up riches.

Robin was happy, therefore, when, at the Labour Exchange the other morning, a neighbour in the counter queue, a dark-haired youth named Tom, before Robin had seen there, noticed the ring and said to him: "S a nice ring you got there, matey."

Robin fervently agreed, and at once bestowed upon the other the greatest privilege within his power of giving. "Like me to take it off, so you can see it proper," he said.

"I would that," said Tom. Robin took off the ring and handed it to his neighbour, who looked at it admiringly.

THE HATED WORD

AT that moment, the queue moved up, and Tom was before the counter. Not many seconds later, Tom found himself in trouble.

"You've been making false statements," the man behind the counter was saying. "Serious matter... can't give you anything today..."

Tom rounded on the speaker with abuse.

"If you go on like that, I'll have to call the police," the man behind the counter said.

At mention of the word "police," Tom's swearing stopped in its tracks. He turned on his heel and fled from building.

It was a moment or two before Robin realised he had gone. "My ring," he cried, then, to the still-swinging doors. "Hey you fellow, give me back my ring..."

But Tom was gone, and so was the ring.

FOR A BIRTHDAY

PRESENTLY, the police traced Tom, and brought him to the Thames court, where he pleaded not guilty to stealing the ring, upon which Robin's mother put a value of £12.

Robin hesitantly told his story from the witness-box. Ending it, he said: "You see me no more, bought that ring for me on my birthday, that's why I like it more better than any other thing, see?"

Tom, when his turn came, declared, but not on oath, that in his flight from the Labour Exchange, he had hung the ring in Robin's general direction. Robin looked at him with pity, and slowly shook his head. The man behind the counter said he had watched Tom's flight and not seen him throw away the ring.

SO MUCH?

THE magistrate, Colonel W. E. Batt, found the case proved against Tom and said: "I'm a little worried about the value of this ring. Could it have been £12?" He was told that it could have been.

Tom was sent off to be seen by Mr Watts, the probation officer, and later in the day, brought back. The magistrate put him on probation, and ordered him to pay £10 compensation to Robin.

Some solace that may be to Robin, but not much, I think. You cannot grow fond of a sum of money or even a substitute ring. You cannot easily come to like either "more better than any other thing."

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Fate Of Ex-Chinese Leader

"Virtual Prisoner" In Red China

Singapore, Mar. 11. Persistent reports reaching here from the Chinese mainland said that the former Malayan Chinese leader, Tan Kah Kee, is now a "virtual prisoner" of the Mao government.

The reports added that Tan was in Amoy and not in Peking, as earlier speculated. The local Chinese newspaper, Chung Sing Jit Pao, said Tan was a prisoner of government "because of his dissatisfaction with the Red Chinese administration."

The Chung Sing Jit Pao editorially warned Malayan Chinese to take cognisance of Tan Kah Kee's present plight in overseas Chinese throughout the world to "make the wise choice between Right and Left—Democracy and Communism."

It especially called on Malaysians who had been "inspired" by Tan to "take a lesson from Tan's plight in China and make a resolute stand against Communism." It said Tan had been used as a propaganda tool by the Chinese Communists and then cast aside when he failed in his task.

"RUBBER KING"

Tan Kah Kee, at one time known as the "Rubber King of Malaya," was once a firm supporter of the Nationalist Chinese government. When Chiang Kai-shek fled to Taiwan, Tan publicly supported the Kuomintang government's war against Japan and helped to collect money from Chinese in Malaya and other Southeastern countries. He was chairman of the China Relief Fund, which collected large sums for China.

When the Japanese forces rolled down the Malayan peninsula in 1941, Tan escaped to Indonesia where he lived in disguise throughout the Japanese occupation, and returned to Singapore after Japan's surrender. He returned to China soon afterwards and it was at that time friction between him and Kuomintang officials first started.—United Press.

Peking's Trade Offer

Tokyo, Mar. 11. Communist China recently offered to purchase Japanese automobile parts, but trade circles here believed that no trade will result from this offer, because such items are on the list of goods prohibited from shipment to the China mainland, the Jiji Press reported today.

Jiji quoted trade circles as saying that the Red Chinese Committee for International Trade Promotion in Peking has made an inquiry for the purchase of two items of automobile parts, including cylinders, carburetors and water pumps, mostly for Jeeps. The inquiry was addressed to the Japan-Red China Trade Promotion Committee, the report said.—United Press.

Aneurin Bevan In Pakistan

Karachi, March 10. Mr Aneurin Bevan, British left-wing leader, who arrived here tonight for a four-day visit as guest of the Pakistan government, said he did not think political changes in the Soviet Union would affect East-West relationships.

He said it would be a "juvenile assessment" to imagine that the whole policy of a nation could be changed by the death of a single personality.

Mr Bevan added Communism would have no chance in Asia if the standard of living was raised.—Reuter.

Strange Birth

Tokyo, Mar. 11. Doctors said today that a 35-year-old Japanese woman gave birth to two children from different parents only a few hours after a similar strange birth occurred to an American woman in Providence, Rhode Island, last Thursday.

The doctors said the Japanese woman gave birth to a girl in the state hospital in Yokohama city, southern Japan, on Friday, and a boy just 24 hours later. Both are healthy children and doing well.

The mother had previously given birth to five boys and one girl, all one at a time.—Reuter.

Dutch Expel Soviet Journalist



Arrested on December 23 by the Dutch Government and charged with undesirable political activities, Mr L. Pissarev, correspondent of Tass, the official Soviet News Agency, is pictured in a police car on his way to Amsterdam to be put aboard a Russian steamer bound for the USSR.—London Express.

Sailor's Sentence Reduced 2 Months

Mr Justice E. H. Williams, Senior Puisne Judge, in the Appeal Court this morning reduced by two months the sentence of 18 months passed by a Magistrate on a Canadian sailor for possession of arms without a licence, and confirmed the 12-month sentence imposed on another sailor jointly charged with the first.

In confirming the sentence imposed on Able Seaman Stephen George Hlasney, 19, of HMCS Crusader, His Lordship declared: "I realise the sentence is severe, but it is only by meting out severe sentences to offenders that we can cope with this type of crime in this Colony."

Hlasney and his comrade, Able Seaman Norman Robbins, 26, were each given 18 months imprisonment on January 21 by Mr R. W. S. Winter at Central when they admitted trying to sell a .45 Colt automatic pistol to a rickshaw puller.

In a review of sentence three days later, the Magistrate reduced the sentence on Hlasney to 12 months. The Hon. Leo d'Almeida, QC, who represented the two sailors at the second hearing, stated in his plea for leniency that Robbins had a sick wife in Canada and that he wanted to raise money for her from the sale of the pistol which had been given him by an American soldier in Korea.

The appellants brought up an appeal against the severity of sentence before Mr Justice Williams on Monday, but his Lordship had reserved his decision until this morning after hearing submissions from both sides.

Mr A. J. Clifford represented the appellants, while Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, appeared for the Crown.

Commenting on certain remarks made by Mr Clifford at Monday's hearing, His Lordship said that Counsel for the appellants had remarked that Crown Counsel had been present in the lower court for the purpose of "increasing the sentences."

"I would like to say that: that was a perfectly unwarranted remark," His Lordship went on. At this juncture, Mr Clifford told the court that what he had said was "confirming the sentences" and not "increasing," to which His Lordship replied that he had clearly heard the word "increasing" used.

On the case itself, Mr Justice Williams recalled that Mr Blair-Kerr had pointed out that the offence was of a very serious nature, and that the gun could well enough have been used in the murder of innocent people if it had been sold.

At the Magistrate's, His Lordship went on, Counsel for the appellants had pleaded that the sailors should not be treated in the same way as those who had been in the Colony for some time, as they were not fully conversant with the situation here. Counsel had also submitted that it would be in the best interests of justice if they could be handed over to the Naval authorities for custody.

His Lordship said that, in his view, the Magistrate had rightly refused the application for their release in this regard.

A BRAVE MAN
He went on to say that it was brought to the Magistrate's notice that Robbins was a brave man and had been recommended for the British Empire Medal. His Lordship said he had given this matter much consideration, and had come to the conclusion that there was the possibility that the Magistrate might not have taken this into account.

British Flood Disaster Fund

The Fund will close at NOON, March 14, 1953.

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6. Programme Summary: 6.02. Forces Bandstand—A Concert by the Band of the 1st Batt. Royal Rifles. Conducted by the Band-Master Mr J. Plant. 6.15. Kind permission of Col O. G. W. White, 25.5.2. (Concert Commanding) (Concert Hall), 6.25. Tennis Semi-Final of the Colony 2nd. 6.30. Concert by the Hong Kong Cricket Club (Recorded). 7. Time Signal and World News (London Relay). 7.10. United Nations Report (London Relay). 7.15. Songs from the English Country—A Selection of Folk Songs (BBC). 7.30. Orchestra of the Week—Royal Opera House Orchestra. 7.35. Weather Report: 8. Lucky Dip—Variety Requests presented by Margaretta (Budd). 8. A Last Concert for Four Hands—Kenneth Dinsley and George Parks on Two Pianos (Concert Hall). 9.30. Wednesday Theatre—"His Brother's Keeper"—Dramatised by Lionel Brown from the Short Story by W. W. Jacobs (BBC). 10. Favourite Waltzes Played by Mantovani and His Orchestra. 10.30. "One Night Stand"—Miles Miller and his Orchestra (with vocal). 10.50. Weather Report. 11. Radio News Reel (London Relay). 11.15. Goodnight Music. 11.30. Save The Queen. 11.30. Close down.

MIGs Shoot Down US Plane

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ritory against the alleged intrusion of American planes. In November 1951, an Air Force C-47 cargo plane was forced down in Hungary by Soviet flyers and was turned over with its crew to Hungary. The aircraft was released, but Hungary has refused to return it to aircraft.

Last October a United States B-29 bomber was shot down by Soviet fighters north of Japan. The United States protested and demanded compensation for the plane and its crew, but the Soviet Union has refused payment.—United Press.

Gold Seized On HMS Alert

Singapore, Mar. 11. Gold worth \$98,000, found on the British frigate, HMS Alert, the yacht of Far Eastern Naval C-in-C Adm. Sir Guy Russell, immediately on her return from Hongkong recently, was confiscated by the Third Criminal District Judge on Tuesday.

Customs officials told the Judge that since February 18 notices calling for claims have been posted at the Imports Export Office, Police Station, Customs Office and Police courts, no one came forward to lodge a claim.

The gold, found in and around the yacht's galley, comprised 38 pounds of gold slabs worth \$93,000 and 100 pieces of American \$10 coins worth \$5,000.—United Press.

Query On Big 3 Meeting

London, March 10. A British Labour Member of Parliament said today, he will ask Prime Minister Churchill to seek an early Big Three meeting with Russia's new Premier Malenkov and President Eisenhower.

Mr Arthur Lewis said he would put the question to Churchill in the House of Commons on Thursday.

Lewis suggested the meeting "in view of the conciliatory nature of the first statement on foreign policy by the new Prime Minister of the USSR."—Associated Press.

Magistrate's Illustration

"If you are not dressed in a funny way, nobody will notice you in a crowd," said Mr Thomas Tam, driving a point home at Central Court this morning. "And so if you had been going faster, than you should have been the policeman would not even have noticed that your car was on the road. You would have been just like everyone else, you see."

The defendant, Loh Moon-wing, up on a charge of speeding, had pleaded not guilty. He was let off with a caution.

APPEAL TO FULL COURT AGAINST JUDGMENT

An appeal against the judgment of Mr Justice C. W. Reece who found in favour of the United Chinese Bank, Ltd. of 8A Des Voeux Road, Central, was brought before the Full Court comprising the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, and the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice E. H. Williams, this morning.

Mr Justice Reece found against the Fong Chaut Lau (a Chinese restaurant) of 480 Hennessy Road, and against Albert Francis Bailey, of 4 Wing On Bank Building, third floor, in the sum of \$10,150 and costs, and further against Bailey for \$35,705.32 and costs.

The United Chinese Bank had claimed \$10,000 being the balance of a loan of \$30,000, together with interest thereon at the rate of 1½ per cent. per month from Fong Chaut Lau; and had further claimed from Bailey money allegedly advanced by the Bank on his behalf and at his request.

Bailey himself had brought two actions against the Bank. The first was a claim for \$77,230.75 comprising money which he claimed was wrongly debited by the Bank from his current account and a marginal deposit paid to the Bank for a letter of credit. The other claim was for damages for alleged delay caused by the Bank in crediting Bailey's account with various sums being the balance of marginal deposits paid in respect of expired or otherwise cancelled letters of credit; alleged improper disclosure of certain trade secrets; alleged improper acceptance of documents; and alleged wrongful debiting of Bailey's current account in respect of a pre-matured bill.

Mr Justice Reece in his judgment also dismissed with costs the counter-claim by Bailey against the United Chinese Bank.

Appearing for the appellants is Mr Bernacchi, instructed by Mr Y. Y. Chan, and Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr A. J. Clifford, both instructed by Mr F. D. Hammond, representing the respondents.

POSITION EXPLAINED
Mr Bernacchi said that the appeal arose out of a number of consolidated actions. The position of Fong Chaut Lau, so far as he was concerned with arguing the appeal, was that their indebtedness was to have been discharged at least in the first instance by debiting the account of Bailey—who had a personal account with the respondent bank. That account would have been more than sufficient to pay the bills of Fong Chaut Lau were it not for the fact that the account was debited with certain bills of exchange in respect of certain shipping documents, the subject matter of one of the other actions consolidated with this action.

It therefore followed, Counsel submitted, that if the present appeal was successful in the sense that the Court held that these monies should not have been debited, then although the indebtedness of Fong Chaut Lau must still have to be paid off, the action against the restaurant should never have been brought because there was at all times ample funds to discharge that indebtedness in accordance with the admitted agreement.

Counsel said that he was going to argue on two main points, namely: (1) that the bills of lading in the shipping case should not have been accepted; and (2) that the action for wrongful disclosure should either be ordered to be tried again or else the judgment in that action should be reversed and judgment entered for Bailey.

In answer to the Chief Justice, Counsel said that on the findings of fact by the Trial Judge, he was not making any attack as regards the shipping documents case but he would as regards the wrongful disclosure.

Coming to the shipping case, Mr Bernacchi said that generally speaking there was a credit contract opened with the Bank under which the latter was to accept certain documents appertaining to the 100 tons of carbon black, and in consideration therefore his clients agreed to meet certain bills of exchange, on the basis of which the Bank subsequently debited Bailey's account.

Reading a condition on the back of the bill of lading (Court exhibit) relating to non-liability of the carrier for delay in forwarding or for loss or damage, Mr Bernacchi said that the clause was a most important one which he submitted completely answered the argument whether this was an ocean bill of lading or not.

Counsel then referred the Court to a number of authorities relating to the general law as regards the duty of a Bank. The general proposition was that a bank was not clearly liable if it did not accept documents in accordance with the mandate. Mr Bernacchi said that this bill of lading was not an ocean bill of lading and in that respect the Trial Judge had not dealt with it at any great length.

Regarding the other aspect as to whether it was a clean bill of lading or not, Counsel said he would deal with the matter later on but at the present time he referred the Court to the judgment of Mr Justice Reece, which read "I am satisfied on the face of them (the bills of lading) they are ocean bills."

Counsel said that on the face of them they were bills of lading and issued by a coastal line. That coastal line, however, gave what it called itself a through bill of lading to Hongkong with transshipment at the port of Bremen, and it further stated that they were ocean bills of lading because they covered a shipment from Bremen to Hongkong, which was an ocean voyage.

After referring to Scrutton on Charter Parties, Mr Bernacchi said that to say they were ocean bills of lading meant that he must be entitled to sue the carrier for the loss of the goods from the time these goods were landed at Bremen until the goods were landed at Hongkong, and it was his submission that on this bill of lading the liability of the coastal carrier was expressly exempted from the time these goods were landed at the ocean carrier taking over that liability.

Hearing is continuing.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION:

(1) We can rule out at once the possibility that all three speakers are telling the truth. Hence, either there is one Washington or there are two Washingtons. (2) If there are two Washingtons, the second speaker's remark is untrue, and the third speaker's is true, which is inconsistent with the facts. (3) If there is one Washington, what the second speaker says is true and what the third says is false. I.e. the third speaker is a Longboat.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"If we could only get an advance copy of the draft list, we'd know which boys to try to date for the senior dance!"

Living Language

Why We Say Van.

Just as the word "bus" is short for "omnibus" (which is a Latin word meaning "for all") so the word "van" is a shortened form of "caravan." Thus the guard's-van of the railway, and the furniture-vans of the streets, take their name from the Arabic qairawan, which described a train of camels crossing the desert.

Mail Notices

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 4.30 p.m. G.P.A.
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A. (New York), Canada, 6 p.m. H.K.A.
N.W.A.L. By Surface
Japan, 8 p.m. D.O.A.C.
Macao, 9.30 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Kobe, Yokohama, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

By Air
Formosa, 9 a.m. C.A.T.
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 10 a.m. G.P.A.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. (San Francisco), 12.30 p.m. G.P.A.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 1.30 p.m. C.P.A.

By Surface
Macao, 9.30 a.m.; 6 p.m.; as Kwong Fook, Cheung Tak, Shing, China, People's Republic, 6.30 a.m.
Japan, noon, as Amoy, Kobe, 1 p.m., as Hankow, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m., as Canton.

JUNK FOKI WOUNDED

A junk foki, Chung Chan, was seriously wounded early this morning when he was attacked by two intruders armed with a chopper.

In the course of struggling with the men Chung sustained four cut wounds, three on the head and one on the body. He was sent to Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

The incident occurred on board the Hop Yick junk anchored in the Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter.

At about 5 o'clock this morning, Chung was awakened early by the sound of someone boarding the junk. As he got up, he found two men had already boarded the vessel. The two men, believed to have boarded the junk to commit a felony, ordered him to keep quiet. However, he was attacked while putting up a resistance.

The intruders escaped.